



# PROCEEDINGS

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## Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity

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## MINUTES\*

*Second-day Morning, Third Month 29, 1939, 10 o'clock.*

At the 258th Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, by adjournments, from the 27th day to the 31st day of Third Month, 1939, inclusive.

### REPRESENTATIVES TO YEARLY MEETING

Eighty-nine Friends have been appointed as

*Minute 1.* Representatives to this Meeting. All but twelve attended one or more sessions and reasons were given for the absence of some of these. The Representatives were:

*From Philadelphia:* J. Henry Bartlett and others.

*(List continued, by Quarterly Meetings.)*

### REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES—APPOINTMENT OF CLERKS

The report of the Representatives was read,

*Minute 2.* nominating the following Friends to serve as Clerks:—

For Presiding Clerk—D. Robert Yarnall;

For Recording Clerk—Caroline L. Nicholson;

For Assistant Clerks—Clement E. Allen, Agnes Nicholson Stokes.

The names were approved and the Friends named were appointed to serve for one year.

The Representatives also reported that in their judgment, time might be conserved and a better understanding of business reached if most of the reports could be printed and circulated in advance. The recommendation seemed to meet the general approval of the Meeting, and the matter was referred to the Representative Meet-

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\*As adapted for inclusion in the Proceedings.

ing with the expectation that they will make arrangements for this procedure to be followed next year as far as they think it suitable to do so.

The Representatives also asked that Friends who speak to business have a regard to conciseness and use care that all remarks should be pertinent and helpful to the subject under consideration.

### WELCOME TO VISITING FRIENDS

A cordial welcome was extended to a number  
*Minute 3.* of Friends who were present from the following Yearly Meetings: London, Philadelphia (Race Street), New England (both large and small bodies), Ohio (Conservative), North Carolina (Conservative), New York, Indiana, and Iowa (Conservative).

It was decided to postpone reading the Minutes of traveling Friends until a later session when additional ones will have reached the Clerks' desk.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee on Arrangements made their  
*Minute 4.* report to the Meeting. The two subjects of chief importance which have claimed their attention were the arrangements for the joint session of the two Yearly Meetings and the program of evening meetings under the auspices of various Committees.

The Meeting expressed gratitude for the labors of this Committee and satisfaction with the plans which they have made.

*Report of Committee on Arrangements*  
 (See page 80)

### REPORT OF STANDING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Standing Nominating Committee sub-  
*Minute 5.* mitted its report to the Yearly Meeting, naming Friends for service on the various Committees of the Yearly Meeting. At this session the

following nominations for the Committee on Arrangements were approved: C. Wilfred Conard, Susan J. Dewees, Richard R. Wood. Also as *ex-officio* members: the two Clerks and the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting; the Chairmen of the following Committees: Indian Committee, Peace Committee, Race Relations Committee, Religious Education Committee, Social Order Committee, Mission Board, Council on Education, Friends' Freedmen's Association, Friends' Temperance Association and Young Friends Movement.

*Report of Standing Nominating Committee*  
(See page 132)

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE MINUTE OF EXERCISES

The following Friends were appointed to  
*Minute 6.* prepare a Minute embodying the Exercises of the Meeting: William Bacon Evans, Rachel R. Cadbury, Elizabeth Biddle Yarnall, Thomas R. Kelly.

Because of the difficulty of finding Friends able to carry through the exacting work of this Committee, the Nominating Committee was asked to submit names for this Committee at our opening session next year.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISTLES

The following report was made by the Com-  
*Minute 7.* mittee to examine incoming epistles. They have given consideration to the suggestion made last year that some change be made in the handling of the Epistles so that they may be more widely shared and more promptly answered, but they believe these points can be met by continuing in the main the practice of previous years. The Meeting was willing to accept the judgment of the Committee on this matter.

Thirty-four letters have been received from Yearly Meetings and other groups of Friends scattered widely over the world. Many letters refer to the national and

racial conflicts present in the world today and call for renewed consecration to our Christian testimony.

Gratitude is expressed for the visits of Rufus and Elizabeth Jones and Thomas R. Kelly, who have been living Epistles to Friends in South Africa and Germany.

The Meeting was drawn into close sympathy with all Friends who have shared their aspirations and concerns with us, especially those who lie so close to the black shadow of war. A feeling of thanksgiving is aroused that such deep faith and courage is revealed in the lives of those who are so sorely tested at this time.

*Report of Committee on Epistles*  
(See page 107)

#### LETTER FROM SZECHWAN YEARLY MEETING

A letter from Szechwan Yearly Meeting of *Minute 8*. Friends held February 11, 1939, in West China, which was received too late to be included in the summary, was also read to the Meeting and gave a soul-stirring picture of the tragic circumstances under which that Meeting was held.

The Meeting united with the suggestion that wider publicity be given to the letter from West China because of its importance as a vital Christian document. Stanley R. Yarnall, Janet Payne Whitney and the Clerk were asked to carry forward this concern. The Epistle Committee is also asked to consider whether portions of other Epistles might be of interest to a wider public and to make such use of them as they see fit.

#### DIRECTION FOR GENERAL EPISTLE

The Meeting directed that a General Epistle *Minute 9*. to all Friends be prepared and covering letters to be sent with it which will meet the particular needs of the groups or individuals for whom we feel a special concern. The Epistle Committee together with J. Passmore Elkinton, Thomas R. Kelly

and Mary Hoxie Jones were asked to present to a later session a proposed draft for a General Epistle and covering letters in accordance with the discussions of this morning.

#### APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF CLERK

The Meeting united in expressing warm appreciation of the valuable services of our Clerk, D. Robert Yarnall, and their gratitude that he was willing to serve again in that capacity at our sessions this year.

*Second-day Afternoon, Third Month 27th, 2 o'clock.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF FRIENDS TO ASSIST EPISTLE COMMITTEE

At the request of the Epistle Committee,  
*Minute 11.* M. Albert Linton, Jr., Barbara L. Cary, and Mary Conard Test were appointed to help in the tasks committed to them at our morning session.

#### REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

The following digest of the proceedings of  
*Minute 12.* the Representative Meeting, as prepared by the Secretary, was read and received the interested attention of the Meeting. The Meeting expressed gratitude for the valuable work of the Representative Meeting as it has dealt with matters important to the life of the Society and to the wider concerns which claim our interest. Certain matters contained in the report of the Representative Meeting which require action will be taken up at suitable times later in the week. Others received attention at this time as is indicated in the following Minutes.

*Report of Representative Meeting*  
(See page 48)

## RECOMMENDATIONS RE CARE OF MEETING PROPERTIES

The recommendations concerning Meeting  
*Minute 13.* Properties, as made by the Special Committee of the Representative Meeting and attached to their report, were acceptable to the Meeting. Copies of these recommendations will be sent down to all Subordinate Meetings for their consideration.

*Report of Committee on Meeting Properties*

(See page 64)

## REVISION OF UNITED MEETING SECTION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

The recommendations for changes in our  
*Minute 14.* Book of Faith and Practice which will clarify the present status of United Meetings, received the approval of the Meeting.

*Proposed Revision, etc.*

(See page 66)

## REPRESENTATIVES TO YEARLY MEETING—PROCEDURE

The Meeting approved the recommendation of the Representative Meeting that  
*Minute 15.* no further changes need to be made at this time in the functions of the Representatives since the difficulties raised at our Yearly Meeting a year ago have been largely removed by the earlier appointment by Quarterly Meetings of their Representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

## SIGNING OF OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Meeting approved the suggestion of  
*Minute 16.* the Representative Meeting that the official Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, after being copied into the permanent Minute Book, should be signed by both the Presiding Clerk and the Recording Clerk.

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

As a Committee to nominate to this Meeting at a later session a Friend to serve as a member of the Representative Meeting in the place of Henry Tatnall Brown, deceased, David G. Yarnall, Thomas C. Potts, James R. Pennell, Margaret H. H. Johnson, G. Walter Sharpless, Julia H. Moon and Charles D. Barton were appointed.

## REPORT OF BOOK COMMITTEE

The Book Committee reported a year of more than ordinary activity as regards publications. The circulation of books, both by sale and gifts, has been satisfactory, though not as large as last year when they were stimulated to an unusual degree by the holding of the World Conference. The report, with one slight correction of fact, was satisfactory to the Meeting.

*Report of Book Committee*  
(See page 59)

## REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS AND MEMBERSHIP

The table of vital statistics prepared in the Secretary's office shows that the total membership of this Meeting on Twelfth Month 31, 1938, was 4767, a net gain of 38 during the year. These figures include the members of the United Meetings of Chestnut Hill, Concord, Radnor and Providence.

*Report of Vital Statistics and Membership*  
(See page 62)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A YEARLY MEETING SECRETARY

At the sessions of the Yearly Meeting a year ago the appointment of a Secretary of the Yearly Meeting was made for a period of a year-and-a-half. J. Henry Bartlett, Francis

R. Taylor, C. Wilfred Conard, Margaret H. H. Johnson, John E. Lippincott, James W. Edgerton and M. Albert Linton were appointed as a Committee to make nomination to our Yearly Meeting next year of a Friend to serve in this capacity for a period of three years.

#### SEVENTH QUERY—SUMMARY OF ANSWERS

As an introduction to the consideration of *Minute 21.* the report of the Peace Committee, the proposed summary answer to the Seventh Query was read and received the approval of the Meeting.

*Summary Answer to Seventh Query*  
(See page 42)

#### REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The following report of the Peace Committee was read to the Meeting. *Minute 22.* The Committee has been active in education for peace among Friends and other groups, and has joined with other organizations in promoting national and international policies which will help to establish the necessary conditions for peace. The tragic conflicts in the world today call for Friends to make renewed effort to make known the religious basis for their peace testimony.

The report aroused much interest in the Meeting and particular appreciation was expressed for its emphasis on our religious testimony. In spite of differences of opinion among our own members about many issues involved in international relations today, it is important for Friends to continue to see the seed of God in all men and to refrain from feeling or expressing any spirit of hate or revenge or punishment. Friends are urged to give the Committee warm support by their money, their interest and their co-operative work.

*Annual Report of Friends' Peace Committee*  
(See page 132)

## APPOINTMENT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The Meeting approved the appointment of  
*Minute 23.* the following Friends whose names were submitted by the Standing Nominating Committee to serve as members of the Peace Committee for a period of three years:

*Peace Committee*

*1939-1942*

*(See page 201)*

*Third-day Afternoon, Third Month 28, 1939, 2 o'clock.*

## MINUTES OF VISITING FRIENDS

*Minute 24.* Minutes were read introducing the following Friends:—

(a) From New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford, Mass., Second Month 26, 1939, and approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, for Augustus T. Murray, a Recorded Minister of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and a resident of Palo Alto, California. His visits among Friends have been undertaken in connection with the Fellowship Council activities and for other religious labors.

(b) From Worcester and Shropshire Monthly Meeting of Friends, held First Month 14, 1939, at Malvern, England, for Caroline C. Graveson, formerly Vice-Principal of Goldsmith College of London University, and since retiring from that position, President of the Training College Association for England and also a Fellow and Faculty member of Woodbrooke, and active in many phases of the work of London Yearly Meeting. As a representative of Woodbrooke, she is spending some months at Pendle Hill and visiting Meetings in this vicinity.

(c) From York Monthly Meeting, held at The

Retreat, York, England, on the 11th of Second Month, 1939, for William Pearson Thistlethwaite, who had brought before that Meeting his intention of visiting Friends in New York, Philadelphia, Barnesville, Ohio, and other places in this country.

(d) From Muncie Monthly Meeting, held Third Month 15, 1939, at Muncie, Indiana, for J. Edward Green, an elder of that Meeting. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and acting Superintendent of White's Institute, located at Wabash, Indiana, an institute devoted to the care of boys and girls who come from inadequate homes and are sent there as wards of the State.

The Meeting was glad to endorse the Returning Minutes for these Friends which have been prepared by the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and were read to this Meeting at this time.

A warm welcome was extended to these Friends, and appreciation expressed for the value of their visits among us.

Two other Minutes were read introducing *Minute 25.* two students from Guilford College who are attending our sessions here this week:

One from Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Third Month 15, 1939, at Springfield, N. C., for Charles Hendricks, and the other from Branon Monthly Meeting (held at Yadkinville, North Carolina), endorsed also by Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting, for William F. Van Hoy, Jr. William Van Hoy is Study Group Chairman of the Young Friends Board of Activities of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

To these Friends, too, a welcome was extended by the Meeting and the Clerks were asked to prepare Returning Minutes which might carry to their home Meetings our loving greetings and our satisfaction in the visit of these young Friends.

## SUMMARY ANSWER TO FIFTH QUERY

*Minute 26.* A proposed summary answer to the Fifth Query was read and received the Meeting's approval. The part of the answer which refers to the practice of family Bible reading aroused concerned discussion.

*Summary Answer to Fifth Query*  
(See page 41)

## REPORT OF INDIAN COMMITTEE

*Minute 27.* The following report was read from the Indian Committee of the Yearly Meeting:

In the spiritual guidance of the five communities in Oklahoma for which Friends have long been responsible, the Committee faces many difficult problems in which they need greatly the support and counsel of the Yearly Meeting. Some changes have been made in the type of education offered at the Tunesassa School in an effort to meet more adequately the needs of the community, particularly the unemployed young people on the reservation.

The Meeting expressed much interest in the work of the Committee and commended the progress which they seemed to be making toward adapting their service to the changed conditions of the times.

*Report of Indian Committee*  
(See page 119)

## APPOINTMENT OF INDIAN COMMITTEE

*Minute 28.* In view of the changed character of the work, the Indian Committee asks that a new Committee be appointed for one year only. The Meeting approved this suggestion and appointed the following Friends whose names had been presented by the Standing Nominating Committee for a term of one year:

*Indian Committee*  
1939-1942  
(See page 199)

## REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

An interesting report of the work of the  
*Minute 29.* Mission Board was made to the Meeting.

It is gratifying to see the extent to which Quakerism has become an independent movement in Japan, with strong native leadership. The help rendered by this Yearly Meeting is still of great importance, particularly at this time when the expression of our love and good-will may help break down barriers of misunderstanding and may strengthen the hands of those who are attempting to uphold the way of Christ in Japan today. The Meeting expressed much satisfaction in the work of the Board.

*Report of Mission Board*

(See page 128)

## REPORT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The report of the American Friends Service  
*Minute 30.* Committee brought to our attention further important ways in which Friends are carrying their message to areas of conflict both at home and abroad. Relief work in Spain and aid to refugees from Germany have claimed particular attention during the past year. Of equal importance are those lines of work which are less spectacular but have as their aim the long-time goal of a better society, and individuals better equipped to become its citizens.

The Meeting was deeply interested in the report and the further details of current developments in the foreign service work given by Clarence E. Pickett. Gratitude was expressed for the quiet devoted work of the Committee and the Staff as they help to make effective the will to service in our Society.

*Report of American Friends Service Committee*

(See page 74)

## REPORT OF FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION, AMERICAN SECTION

The Friends World Committee for Consultation to which Anna Hartshorne Brown was appointed last year as our representative has sent a report to the Meeting which was read at this time. The Meeting was glad to hear that Helen Bell Hole, appointed last year as our alternate representative, was able to attend the first meeting of the Committee at Vallekilde in Denmark last Ninth Month, and was helpful as an interpreter. Forty-two bodies of Friends are now represented in this Committee, including all but five of the American Yearly Meetings. Jessie Gidley Carter who had been present at the Vallekilde Conference as representative of New England Yearly Meeting (Conservative) made a further oral report of the conference, the strength of its fellowship, and the future promise of this new co-operative venture of Friends. The Meeting expressed satisfaction with the report of the Committee and for Jessie Carter's personal report, and reappointed Anna Hartshorne Brown as our representative for another year as well as Helen Bell Hole as alternate.

The Standing Nominating Committee was directed to make nominations to our Meeting a year hence for a Friend to serve on this World Committee as a representative for a period of three years and for another Friend as alternate for this same period.

*Report of American Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation*  
(See page 164)

## REPORT OF MARRIAGE COUNCIL

The following brief report of the Marriage Council was read. Many suggestions are made as to ways by which Meetings may make use of the services of the Council, whose main

concern is for the permanence and welfare of the family and for its religious growth. Approval was expressed for the valuable work of the Council.

*Report of Marriage Council*  
(See page 126)

#### APPOINTMENT OF MARRIAGE COUNCIL

The Meeting approved the appointment of  
*Minute 33.* the following Friends, nominated by the Standing Nominating Committee, to serve on the Marriage Council for a period of three years:

*Marriage Council*  
1939-1942  
(See page 199)

*Third-day evening, Third Month 28, 1939,*  
*7.30 o'clock*

At a joint session of the two Philadelphia Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Third-day evening, Third Month 28, 1939:

#### REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES IN YOUNG FRIENDS MOVEMENT

The Representatives appointed by the two  
*Minute 34.* Yearly Meetings to the Young Friends Movement made the following encouraging report which was satisfactory to the Meeting.

*Report of Representatives in Young Friends Movement*  
(See page 176)

#### REPORT OF YOUNG FRIENDS MOVEMENT

The report of the Young Friends Movement, a joint activity of the two Yearly Meetings of Friends in Philadelphia, was read. The movement is doing much to supplement the

influence of homes and Meetings in furthering the spiritual growth of the younger members of our Society and helping them to assume their right share of responsibility in service to their Meetings and communities.

The Meeting entered into thoughtful discussion of questions raised by the report and of the opportunities and difficult problems which face young Friends today. To achieve the social transformations and the spiritual rebirth which we all so earnestly desire, it is important for younger and older Friends to rise to a high level of Christian idealism and sacrifice. There is evidence that young Friends are not shirking their responsibilities. In an addition to their printed report they make an especial appeal for the self-denial which will be necessary if our important concerns today are to receive proper financial support.

*Report of Young Friends Movement*

(See page 167)

#### MINUTE FROM CONCORD QUARTERLY MEETING

As an introduction to the reading of the *Minute 36.* report of the Friends' Temperance Association, the following Minute of Concord Quarterly Meeting held at Media (Third Street), Second Month 14, 1939, was read:

"It was a matter of deep regret to the Quarterly Meeting that the answers to the Eighth Query indicate so little active interest in the cause of total abstinence. The Meeting decided to send this concern directly to the Yearly Meeting in the hope that some action might be taken there which would arouse the membership at large to a greater sense of responsibility for the cause.

Taken from Minutes,

ERNEST N. VOTAW, *Clerk.*"

#### REPORT OF FRIENDS' TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

The report of the joint Temperance Association was as follows. *Minute 37.* Educational work in schools and other places has been the primary task of the Association. Friends are urged to

feel a greater sense of responsibility for the personal and social ills resulting from the use of alcoholic drinks and to uphold conscientiously the practice of total abstinence.

The report aroused much interest and discussion. In spite of the difficulties which have to be faced today in making progress toward the right solution of this important problem, Friends are urged not to be unduly discouraged. There are many practical steps which can be taken, such as trying to free our own communities from saloons through the local option elections, and we can try with steady confidence to develop new techniques to meet the problem as it exists in our generation; most important of all, we can be sure that we are helping by our personal example.

The Meeting expressed satisfaction in the splendid work of the Committee.

*Report of Friends' Temperance Association*

(See page 154)

Under a sense of thankfulness for the deepening fellowship of our joint session this evening, the Meeting then concluded.

*Fourth-day Morning, Third Month 29, 1939, 10 o'clock.*

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO FIRST FOUR QUERIES

The suggested summary answers to the *Minute 38.* first four Queries were read at this time and received the approval of the Meeting.

The quality of the spiritual life in our individual Meetings is of fundamental importance to the life of our Society as a whole. We need to be deeply concerned to nurture that life not only in our corporate worship, but in our personal and family lives. We are reminded too of the particular need today for the persecuted Jewish minority group to feel our out-going Christian love.

*Summary Answers to First Four Queries*

(See page 38)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNITY

*Minute 39.* The report of the Committee on Church Unity was read as follows.

Of chief importance in the report is the invitation which has come to this Yearly Meeting to become a member of the newly formed World Council of Churches, a consultative body representing all non-Roman Churches which accept its basis and approve its aims.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that this invitation should be accepted, and a qualified approval of this course has been already given by the Representative Meeting, as was noted in the digest of their proceedings reported to our Meeting on Second-day.

Friends were concerned that the acceptance of the invitation should in no way imply the acceptance of a fixed creed which might be used as a test of faith among us, nor imply any denial of our belief in the continuing revelation of truth in the hearts of men. The Meeting was deeply concerned to find the Divine Will in meeting this opportunity for co-operative fellowship with other groups of Christians in a spirit which will preserve among us that sense of loving fellowship which comes from no credal statement about Jesus Christ, but from an intense devotion to Him and His way of life. After much prayerful deliberation it was the united feeling of the Meeting that it was not right to come to a decision at this time, but that the matter should be brought up for further consideration at our session on Sixth-day afternoon.

*Report of Committee on Church Unity*  
(See page 90)

*Fourth-day Afternoon, Third Month 29, 1939, 2 o'clock.*

## APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANT CLERK

*Minute 40.* On the recommendation of a Committee of the Representatives, Esther Linton Duke was appointed by the Meeting to serve in the place of our Assistant Clerk, Agnes Nicholson Stokes, who was unavoidably absent.

## REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

*Minute 41.* The Extension Committee of the Yearly Meeting reported as follows.

The Meeting united with the judgment of the Committee that there was still need for the type of service to which the Committee was first called eighteen years ago: the extension of Christian fundamentals by appointed Meetings, printed literature, conferences with other religious bodies, and in many other ways.

There is some question as to the channels through which this concern can now best be carried forward. The Committee whose names were presented by the Standing Nominating Committee were appointed to serve on the Extension Committee for one year to carry forward lines of work already undertaken and to consult with the Ministers and Elders, the Religious Education Committee and the Young Friends Movement about the future organization of the work and be ready to make some definite recommendations to our Yearly Meeting next year. The Friends appointed to this Committee are as follows.

*Report of Extension Committee*

(See page 116)

*Extension Committee*

1939-1940

(See page 197)

## REPORT RE INVITATION TO JOIN FIVE YEARS MEETING

*Minute 42.* No formal report was made by the Committee having under consideration the invitation to join the Five Years Meeting, partly because of the absence of the Chairman, James G. Vail, in Germany. J. Henry Bartlett reported verbally that the Committee would continue its discussions and plan to be ready for a definite report next year.

The Meeting united with the suggestion that this report, when ready, should be presented first to the Representative Meeting and printed in *The Friend* so that Friends might have opportunity to give the matter careful study before final action is taken in the Yearly Meeting.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND BUDGET

The Committee on Audit and Budget gave  
*Minute 43.* the following report to the Meeting. They recommend that the total sum of \$23,350 be appropriated for the 1939 Budget, of which Quarterly Meetings will provide the same amounts as they gave last year, the balance of \$2,550 to come from the income of the Anna Cresson Fund. Quarterly Meetings were directed to forward their respective quotas of \$20,800 to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, either in full by Ninth Month 30th, or one-half by Sixth Month 30th, and the remainder by Twelfth Month 31st.

*Report of Committee on Audit and Budget*

(See page 88)

## REPORT RE YEARLY MEETING FINANCES

The further task referred to the Committee  
*Minute 44.* on Audit and Budget by Minute No. 67 adopted by our Yearly Meeting last year received the careful attention of a Committee of the Representative Meeting, working jointly with several members of the Committee on Audit and Budget. The report of this Committee, as attached to the report of the Representative Meeting, was read at this time. The Meeting expressed thanks for the labors of this Committee and united in accepting their recommendations which will be followed by the Committee on Audit and Budget and by other Yearly Meeting Committees in the budgets which they present to the Yearly Meeting in 1940.

*Report of Committee on Yearly Meeting Finances*

(See page 68)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND BUDGET

The following Friends nominated for a  
*Minute 45.* term of one year on the Committee on Audit and Budget were appointed to that service:

*Committee on Audit and Budget*

1939-1940

(See page 195)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

*Minute 46.* The Committee on Race Relations reported to the Yearly Meeting as follows.

The persecution of the Jewish race in many parts of the world today has led to special study of the problem of anti-Semitism and has helped to reveal more clearly the injustices to the Negro in our own country.

The Meeting felt deeply concerned at the growing tide of anti-Semitism in Philadelphia and Friends were urged to be alert to its manifestations and take all possible steps to meet it with intelligence and with love. The Meeting was very grateful for the report and for the work of the Committee.

*Report of Committee on Race Relations*

(See page 139)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

*Minute 47.* The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Friends whose names have been presented by the Standing Nominating Committee for service on the Race Relations Committee for a term of three years:

*Committee on Race Relations*

1939-1942

(See page 202)

## SUMMARY ANSWER TO NINTH QUERY

*Minute 48.* The Meeting approved the following Summary Answer to the Ninth Query.

*Summary Answer to Ninth Query*

(See page 44)

## REPORT OF SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

*Minute 49.* The following report of the Social Order Committee was read. The Committee has felt deeply the loss of Henry Tatnall Brown, Chairman of the Business Problems group, who has long given devoted leadership to its work.

The Committee has been increasingly active in the holding of conferences between employers and labor leaders and have had their faith strengthened in the power of the spirit of reconciliation united with intelligent study to settle differences in these relationships as in others. The hospitality and resources of Pendle Hill have been greatly appreciated in the holding of many of these conferences.

The Meeting found the report stimulating and instructive and encouraged the Committee to continue its work, and especially not to neglect its function as an educational agency for our own membership.

*Report of Social Order Committee*  
(See page 149)

#### APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

The Meeting approved, on nomination,  
*Minute 50.* the appointment of the following Friends to serve on the Social Order Committee for a period of three years:

*Social Order Committee*  
1939-1942  
(See page 203)

#### RE FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

Rufus M. Jones brought to the Meeting  
*Minute 51.* an interesting account of the purposes of the Friends Fellowship Council. One of its functions is to promote the wider Quaker Fellowship, made up of individuals who are drawn to Friends but are not ready to join in active membership. The Council is also interested in the inter-visitation of Friends in the interest of closer fellowship and deeper spiritual unity. Another important interest is in the scattered independent meetings which have grown up, at least 75 in number, around certain individual Friends as a nucleus. These belong at present to no Yearly Meeting but are

finding spiritual guidance from the Fellowship Council until such time as there seems opportunity to bring them into organic connection with some regular Meeting.

The Council is also concerned about those other scattered individuals who want to become Friends but have no means of doing so because there is no natural contact with any Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting united with the suggestion that a few Friends might be appointed by this Yearly Meeting to help the Council to find the right way to deal with some of these problems for which we have no precedent in our Disciplines.

Bernard G. Waring, Howard H. Brinton, Edward W. Evans, Esther L. Duke, and Lauretta J. Evans were appointed to nominate to a later session five Friends for this service who will be asked to report developments to this Yearly Meeting.

*Fifth-day Afternoon, Third Month 30, 1939, 2 o'clock.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF NANCY MORRIS WOOD AS MEMBER OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

The Committee appointed earlier in the *Minute 52.* week to nominate a member of the Representative Meeting to fill the unexpired term of Henry Tatnall Brown were unanimous in presenting the name of Nancy Morris Wood. The Meeting cordially approved this nomination and Nancy Morris Wood was appointed for this service.

#### CABLE MESSAGE TO JAPAN

The concern was expressed that a message *Minute 53.* of love and warm sympathy be sent from this Meeting to the Japan Yearly Meeting which will hold its sessions Fourth Month 1st and 2nd. The Meeting united with this concern and asked our friend William B. Harvey to prepare and send such a message in the name of the Meeting.

## REPORT OF FRIENDS COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

*Minute 54.* The report of the Friends Council on Education indicated a growing activity and a wider vision of its possibilities for service. Greater financial support is needed from the Yearly Meetings and from Schools to enable it to carry forward its work effectively.

The Council feels especially grateful to John A. Lester for his valuable contribution and regrets that he is no longer able to act as Executive Secretary. Wide use has been made of his pamphlet on "The Ideals and Objectives of Quaker Education."

The Meeting expressed much interest in the objectives of the Council and encouraged its work. There is a great opportunity for service in the field of education and it is hoped that many of our young people will feel called to enter it and to find opportunity there for the maximum development of their powers.

*Report of Friends Council on Education*

*(See page 100)*

## APPOINTMENT OF FRIENDS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

*Minute 55.* The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Friends to service on the Council on Education for a period of three years:

*Appointees on Council of Education*

*1939-1942*

*(See page 196)*

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF SCHOOLS

*Minute 56.* The Committee appointed in 1936 and continued since that time to study the financial conditions of our Yearly Meeting elementary schools and to give consideration to further problems as stated in Minute No. 56 of last Yearly Meeting, made report as follows.

The Meeting approved the recommendation in the report that the Committee be continued and that E. Newbold Cooper be appointed a member in place of M. Frances Barrett who is now residing at a distance. It also approved the request that a Minute from this Meeting should request Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to co-operate with the Committee under appointment in collecting information about all Meeting funds available for educational purposes.

*Report of Committee on Financial Conditions of Schools*  
(See page 99)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The report of the Committee on Education which follows brought forcibly to the *Minute 57.* Meeting the serious financial situation affecting our elementary schools, and raised many challenging questions as to the value of our Quaker schools and their place in the life of our Society.

The Committee has regretfully accepted the resignation of Edith Newlin as supervisor and consideration is now being given to plans for the future which must depend on the support given by the Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting entered into thoughtful discussion of the whole educational situation in our Yearly Meeting, including those communities where some Friends are giving helpful service to the public schools. It was felt desirable that there should be more co-ordination in the various committees which are concerned with different phases of educational work, and in all our membership a greater realization of the vital importance of our Friends' Schools for our children. The Meeting expressed commendation for the courageous report given by the Committee and especial appreciation for the ten years of service given by Edith Newlin.

*Report of Committee on Education*  
(See page 92)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

*Minute 58.* The Meeting gave its approval to the appointment of the following Friends to the Committee on Education for a term of three years:

*Committee on Education*

*1939-1942*

*(See page 196)*

The name of Evan B. Sharpless was added to the Committee and it was suggested that Leonard Kenworthy, a teacher at Friends' Central School and a member of another Yearly Meeting, be drawn into consultation with them. The Committee was asked to co-operate with the Special Committee just re-appointed, in working out their problems.

## SUMMARY ANSWER TO SIXTH QUERY

*Minute 59.* As an introduction to the report of the Religious Education Committee, the Sixth Query was read and the following Summary answer approved:

*Summary Answer to Sixth Query*

*(See page 42)*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Minute 60.* The following report of the Religious Education Committee was read, and brought to our attention further work in the field of education which is of fundamental importance in the lives of our young people.

The Committee has been stimulated this year by contact with other Yearly Meeting Committees and by its helpful discussions with the Overseers of our various Meetings on matters of common concern.

Interest in adult religious education was expressed in the report and in the discussion which followed. Pendle Hill is giving increasingly valuable leadership in this

field which is appreciated by many individuals and committees.

The concern was expressed that the early memorization of passages from the Bible is an important part of the religious education of our children.

The Meeting expressed satisfaction with the report and the work of the Committee.

*Report of Committee on Religious Education*

(See page 144)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The following names submitted by our  
*Minute 61.* Standing Nominating Committee for service on the Religious Education Committee were approved and the Friends appointed for a term of three years:

*Committee on Religious Education*

1939-1942

(See page 202)

REPORT OF WESTTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The report of the Westtown School Com-  
*Minute 62.* mittee was read as follows. The appropriation of the Yearly Meeting has been used entirely for scholarships. There has been a good enrollment at the School and the student group has made satisfactory progress in the various lines of growth which the School seeks to develop.

The Meeting expressed its gratification for the interesting report of the Committee.

*Report of Westtown School Committee*

(See page 158)

APPOINTMENT OF WESTTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Meeting appointed, on nomination,  
*Minute 63.* the following Friends to serve for three years on the Westtown School Committee:

*Westtown School Committee*

1939-1942

(See page 204)

## MINUTE OF EXERCISES OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS

The following Minute of Exercises of the

*Minute 64.* Meeting of Ministers and Elders was read at this time:

*Minute of Exercises of Ministers and Elders*

(See page 36)

*Sixth-day Morning, Third Month 31, 1939, 10 o'clock.*

## CABLE MESSAGE TO JAPAN

The Meeting expressed its satisfaction in

*Minute 65.* the following cable which was sent to Japan Yearly Meeting:

Friends, Tokyo:

Deep Christian Love.

Yearly Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES IN YOUNG FRIENDS  
MOVEMENT

The Meeting approved the appointment

*Minute 66.* of the following Friends, nominated by the Standing Nominating Committee, to serve for one year as The Yearly Meeting Representatives in the Young Friends Movement: Maria M. Albertson, Charles W. Palmer, and Dorothy M. Steere.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH FRIENDS  
FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

The Committee appointed at our session

*Minute 67.* on Fourth-day afternoon to nominate Friends to serve on a Committee to confer with the Fellowship Council regarding matters affecting Independent Meetings and problems of a broader Quaker fellowship in America, proposed the following names for this service: Esther Linton Duke, Edith Chambers Rhoads, Ruth Outland Maris, Edward W. Evans and Paul J. Furnas.

The Meeting accepted the report of the Committee and appointed these Friends to serve for one year and to make report to our Yearly Meeting next year.

#### RE THE GENERAL EPISTLE

The General Epistle, prepared as directed *Minute 68.* by Minute No. 9 of this Meeting, was read.

The Meeting approved the Epistle which seemed to express much of the loving concern that has rested on our hearts this week. Since the Epistle is directed particularly to the circumstances of our Friends abroad, the Meeting united with the suggestion that a brief covering letter to American Yearly Meetings should also be written, which would explain our special concern and carry our sense of fellowship with these Friends nearer home.

*The General Epistle*

(See page 182)

#### LETTERS TO ACCOMPANY GENERAL EPISTLE

The Meeting approved, with minor changes, *Minute 69.* the following covering letters which were prepared by the Epistle Committee to be sent with the General Epistle to Friends in France, in Germany, in Prague, in Vienna, in Spain, in Norway, in Sweden, in Syria and Palestine, in Denmark, in Holland, in Japan, in West China, in South Africa, and also to our Friends William and Catherine Cadbury in Canton, China.

*Outgoing Letters*

(See page 182)

#### DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL EPISTLE, ETC., TO OUR MEMBERS

Concern was expressed that all our own *Minute 70.* members, many of whom are not present this week, might receive some of the uplift and inspiration of our sessions. To meet this concern

in part it was decided that copies of the General Epistle be printed and sent with a covering letter to each of our Monthly Meetings in whatever numbers are desired. The Meeting also approved the additional suggestion that the Minute of Exercises, to be read at the close of our session today, should also be sent with the Epistle, and that special reference be made in the covering letter to the concerns of the Friends Fellowship Council as spoken to by Rufus M. Jones on Fourth-day.

#### RE MEETING OF FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

Since it is possible that neither Anna  
*Minute 71.* Hartshorne Brown, nor Helen Bell Hole will be able to represent us at the meeting of the World's Consultative Committee next summer in Geneva, the Representative Meeting was given authority to make an appointment for that service if need arises.

#### REPORT OF FRIENDS' FIDUCIARY CORPORATION

The report of the Friends' Fiduciary Corporation, duly audited, was presented to  
*Minute 72.* the Meeting as follows. The Meeting expressed satisfaction in the valuable work of the Corporation.

*Report of Friends' Fiduciary Corporation*  
 (See page 118)

#### REPORT OF YEARLY MEETING TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer of the Yearly  
*Minute 73.* Meeting was read and approved by the Meeting. Gratitude was expressed for the patient care of the Treasurer, Jonathan M. Steere, in his service for the Yearly Meeting.

*Report of Yearly Meeting Treasurer.*  
 (See page 81)

## REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

The Educational Statistics were collected  
*Minute 74.* from Monthly Meetings this year on new forms prepared at the request of the Yearly Meeting last year. The statistics, as read at this time, show that we have 830 children between the ages of five and twenty years, of whom 357 are in schools or colleges under the care of Friends. In addition, there are 105 young persons over twenty years of age in colleges and technical schools; the total number of this latter group being 229.

*Report of Educational Statistics*  
 (See page 104)

## APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following nominations by Quarterly  
*Minute 75.* Meetings for service on the Yearly Meeting Standing Nominating Committee were approved. The nomination by Caln Quarterly Meeting will be made at its next session and confirmed by the Representative Meeting.

*Appointments to Standing Nominating Committee*  
 1939-1942  
 (See page 201)

## ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

The following answers to the Supplementary  
*Minute 76.* Queries were read and approved.

Eight Ministers and Elders have died since reports were made last year. Preparative Meetings at Greenwood and Elklands have been discontinued and their members united with Muncy Preparative Meeting. Kennett Monthly Meeting has been discontinued and mid-week meetings at Fallsington are not held during the period of Standard Time.

*Answers to Supplementary Queries.*  
 (See page 45)

*Sixth-day Afternoon, Third Month 31, 1939, 2 o'clock.*

#### MEMORIAL OF WILLIAM C. ALLEN

The following Memorial for our Friend  
*Minute 77.* William C. Allen, forwarded by the Representative Meeting, was read. In spite of frail health, he was tirelessly faithful throughout his long life in preaching Christ and carrying the message of peace in many countries. His Christian leadership was deeply appreciated by many religious groups.

*Memorial of William C. Allen*

*(See page 179)*

#### SUMMARY ANSWER TO EIGHTH QUERY

The Eighth Query was read and the following summary answer was approved by  
*Minute 78.* the Yearly Meeting.

*Summary Answer to Eighth Query*

*(See page 43)*

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISTLES

The Meeting approved, on nomination, the  
*Minute 79.* appointment of the following Friends for service on the Yearly Meeting Committee on Epistles:

*Committee on Epistles*

*1939-1940*

*(See page 196)*

#### RELEASE OF COMMITTEE ON SALE OF MILITARY TOYS

The Committee appointed last year to  
*Minute 80.* consider some protest against the widespread sale of military toys, requested its release at this time as the concern has been given suitable attention by the Peace Committee. The request was granted with an expression of thanks for the service which the Committee had performed.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNITY, ETC.

The report of the Committee on Church  
*Minute 81.* Unity was brought again before the Meeting in accordance with Minute No. 39 of our sessions this week.

The issues involved in the report were again given earnest and prayerful thought by the Meeting. The Meeting felt unity in its desire for continuing and growing fellowship with other bodies of Christians, which many Friends felt would be helpfully served by the acceptance of this invitation, with the reservations recommended by the Committee. All were united, too, in the desire to maintain in complete sincerity those testimonies which have been fundamental to the Society of Friends from its origin.

It was the final decision of the Meeting that the matter should be referred back to the Committee on Church Unity for further study and consultation in the light of our discussions this week with the request that they bring new recommendations to our Meeting next year.

The Committee is asked to send a letter to the World Council expressing our appreciation of the invitation and our interest in its purposes and explaining that our answer will be deferred for another year.

## MINUTE OF EXERCISES

The following Minute of Exercises as prepared by the Committee appointed on  
*Minute 82.* Second-day, was read and adopted as part of the Minutes of this Meeting.

*Minute of Exercises*  
 (See below)

Under a profound sense of *oneness* with our Heavenly Father, the Yearly Meeting adjourned to meet again next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

## REPORTS AND OTHER PAPERS

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### Minute of Exercises of the Yearly Meeting.

The suffering of humanity, assurance of the ultimate triumph of love, and our own need of humility are notes which have been repeatedly struck in the Yearly Meeting sessions of 1939.

Epistles and reports from Friends under heavy burdens in many parts of the world have led us into some small measure of identification with those who are suffering from war, oppression, unemployment, and racial discrimination, and into the sense that in the very intensity of such suffering we must still hope for the triumph of love. Writing from the midst of a situation not unlike that in many countries today, Isaiah could say: "In all their afflictions He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them." The Eternal has broken into the temporal, and is a certain Leader. Jesus seemed to have failed, and cried out in despair: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" But out of the depths of that despair came the triumph of love: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." In the world we, too, shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for He has overcome the world.

We have been reminded that non-violent methods are the most effective in righting the wrongs of the world. The prevalence of violence, and its apparent success, make the outlook very black, but the experience of friendship and brotherly love is a present reality. Through the present darkness we must not lose sight of the triumph of the Seed. Seeds are of different shapes and sizes and kinds; some are borne by water and some by wind, but in them all is the core of life. "When we touch the living God, life grows."

We have been called to humility. How far short we fall of the standard set by Francis of Assisi, or John Woolman! A trust in God and faithfulness to Him alone will save us. We must repent and pass from the theory of God to the realization of God. As we are humbled, we may be taught not only the length and breadth, but also the true height and depth of soul experience. We need to know the grace of God and to be diligent in the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

We are urged to pray, obey and rejoice, becoming the children of a wider fellowship, for we are all Friends, if we are obedient to the will of God; by one spirit we are baptized into one body. We are committed to building within the state politic the Christian state, which will stand when the governments of this world have fallen. God is in the midst of her. She shall not be moved. Amidst the apparent overthrow of much that we have held dear, we can still find the ancient truth that "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Repeatedly we have been pointed toward the supreme importance of Jesus Christ for this struggling, hungering world. To many it seems important that we formulate in certain language our faith in Him, while to all of us the urgent matter is to understand as He did the will of God and to do it, believing that He is the first born among many brethren and Lord of all. There has been manifest through many forms of expression and concern, the thought that "for me to live is Christ."

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### **Minute of Exercises of Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.**

"We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." This passage of Scripture was quoted, early in our session.

Pleas for help from above and for helpfulness one to another, introduced the concerns connected with the Queries.

We were urged to place ourselves in the way of growth,

and by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit, be living monuments to Christ, and loving, radiant witnesses for Him.

The decline in the practice of family worship and Bible reading was deplored.

We were informed that many young people find a real difficulty in understanding the language of the King James version of the Bible. It was recommended that more modern translations be used for clearness of meaning, and the older one for sentiment and beauty of diction.

Better knowledge of the Bible was felt to be necessary if our ministry is to remain on a spiritual basis, and not become a mere discussion of social problems.

In aiding the acquisition of this knowledge, a large field of service is open to qualified teachers in First-day schools as well as in the home.

We were cautioned against giving to younger people only that which they may wish to hear, and were encouraged not to be afraid to tell what we really believe in a forthright teaching of Christian truth.

It was pointed out that the best way to influence adults often is by way of their children.

In our worship and ministry, we were advised to prepare ourselves, beforehand, for our meetings, and to gather into a deep, silent, reaching after God. If everyone joins in this, the right vocal ministry for the occasion may arise in the heart of anyone. Or if not, the silent exercise may be the best ministry for that meeting.

The thought was expressed that what we and the world need is more silent communion with God.

It was felt that we do not succeed in bringing the Gospel message, with its social implications, to many who are hungering for it. To meet this need, some change in our practice may be desirable.

To those who may be critical of our ministry, it was suggested that they consider whether or not the duty to supply the need is laid upon *them*.

It was suggested also that our ministry should be

adapted to the hearers, reaching them where they are, spiritually, rather than where they ought to be, and that our need is for a power-filled ministry coming through a spirit-filled life and personality.

For the Committee,

(Signed) C. WILFRED CONARD.

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### **Summary Answers to Queries.**

*First—*

Most of our Meetings for worship and business have been regularly held and the hour for gathering fairly well observed. The following exceptions are reported:

The meeting at Maiden Creek, held in the home of Carrie J. Parvin, has been omitted occasionally. The meetings at Greenwood and Elklands have been held irregularly. During the winter London Grove holds only its business meetings each month. In Germantown the Eighth Month Monthly Meeting is dropped, and at Fallsington mid-week meetings are discontinued during the summer. A few other unavoidable omissions are mentioned but not specified.

During the summer the two branches of Friends hold meetings together in Wilmington and mention is made of a few other cases where joint meetings have been held.

At Eaglesmere and Tuckerton summer meetings continue to be held.

Mid-week meetings are small except where they serve as meetings for day or boarding schools, as is reported specifically from Germantown. Attendance at First-day Meetings seems fairly satisfactory and special appreciation is expressed by two meetings for the visitors who attend. One report expresses concern for the poor attendance at business meetings where not more than about twenty per cent. of the membership are active and some members never attend. But in this same Quarter

two meetings report increased activity in business sessions by younger members.

Many Friends share actively in the responsibility for the meeting, but there is need for a still wider participation. The meetings for worship are occasions of real spiritual experience for many who attend.

*Second—*

Our meetings are concerned to uphold a waiting spiritual worship and a free gospel ministry and to foster among their members the use and growth of spiritual gifts, especially in the ministry. In a few meetings there seems to be little or no ministry and in others a tendency to rely on gifts which are rather regularly exercised.

The following answer from one Meeting is given nearly in full in the hope that its careful analysis of the often-repeated phrases of the Query may be of value to the Yearly Meeting:

Let us look at each important word in this familiar sentence. A waiting worship: in its first use this was a cautionary word. Friends were urged not to be forward, not to run ahead of the command, to hold back and be sure of the calling. We might today take it in another sense. We are urged to be expectant, to be hopeful of something. It is difficult to say how many of our members come to Meeting in an expectant, hopeful, willing and waiting mood. We hope that many do.

Spiritual worship means possibly the non-reliance upon a program. Further than that it seems to imply something beyond mere rational thought. To worship spiritually is to turn the whole of the self to God and to open the heart to His spirit. Who can say how many of us do this?

A free ministry. Our ministry is free in the accepted sense that there is no paid pastor in our meeting. But if a free ministry implies that most of our members are free from fears, hesitations, false modesty, which prevent them from being sensitive to the call of the spirit

or from responding to the call when it comes, we can probably not report a free ministry.

A gospel ministry. What is a gospel ministry? We think that there is little preaching not in accord with the spirit of the New Testament. Whether our ministry is a ministry of good news or not is hard to say.

The use and growth of spiritual gifts. There is living concern to foster their growth. The carrying out of the concern is difficult. There are probably persons in our meeting who do not bear their proper share in religious exercises of the meeting. But each must answer for himself, is he one of these? We all need to be reminded of the demands which our mode of worship makes of each individual to bear with and encourage one another.

### *Third—*

Our members endeavor to bear toward one another the Christian spirit of love and forgiveness that engenders no ill-will.

Two meetings tell of a growing endeavor to appreciate each other's problems and points of view. In others, report is made of "harmony and affection;" congeniality in "pleasant friendliness;" a "rare and precious unity;" "the spirit of fellowship."

While there may sometimes be a tendency to express too quickly a disparaging comment about those who differ from us, there is an appreciation of the fact that differences may be stimulating and enriching to our life as a group and as individuals rather than occasions of discord. To achieve this appreciation of other people and to profit from, rather than be annoyed by, individual differences will not only help to create greater unity in our local groups but will contribute to the creation of greater good-will and fellowship in the larger groups of society where such serious conflicts now exist.

### *Fourth—*

Our members are concerned to live and to interpret our message as Friends to others and to co-operate with

them as opportunity offers in extending the Kingdom of God. This interpretation is being made constantly through our daily lives and through all our secular and religious activities. Our Friends' Schools and First-day Schools have a particular opportunity to bring our message to others. One meeting reports an awakened interest among its own young people in the fundamental principles of the Society. One report writes, "In these times of drawing apart into national and class groups with the resulting distrust and fear we would urge Friends better to fit themselves to interpret our message and more fully to co-operate with all Christians in spreading Jesus' way of life."

#### *Fifth—*

Most of our members do sincerely endeavor to live up to the standards of personal living outlined in this query. A deeper sense of brotherhood with all men has been aroused by the present world wide confusion and stress and has constrained us to express more fully in our daily lives the love and sincerity which Jesus Christ lived and taught.

We realize that many of us belong to a privileged class, however, and while our standards of living are not extravagant, they may not always be in harmony with true simplicity.

Family Bible reading is practiced by a few and an increase in Bible study is noted among some younger Friends but there is cause for concern that the practice may be more general through our membership.

It seems that wholesome recreations have a stronger appeal to our members than those which might prove a hindrance to themselves and others.

Many Friends try to allow due time in their lives for the claims of the things of the Spirit. There are many examples of fine family life and of individual devotion to the interests of the church and public welfare. Some feel the pressure of business duties very strongly, rather

because of the perplexing problems of the times than because of a desire for gain.

"We greatly need a deep and unhurried examination of the probable goal of patterns of life to which we conform in our modern civilization."

### *Sixth—*

Friends realize the importance of this query. In all our meetings there is love and sympathy for the children and a desire to guide them wisely. The most effective guidance will come from people who have themselves developed broad human sympathies, who exemplify a deep loyalty to the meeting, and who, at the same time, have an understanding of the mental, social, and spiritual needs of the younger members of the meeting so that they can lead them acceptably in their choice of cultural and social activities.

Such choices are not easy in the complex world today. Motion pictures especially offer a great challenge and parents are reminded that they can scarcely be expected to choose more wisely for their children than they choose for themselves.

The formative influence of the environment whether for good or ill is recognized and appreciation expressed for activities which have drawn together into closer fellowship the families of the meeting.

One report speaks of the effort made to give younger members a share in meeting activities so that they may learn by participation more of the principles and practices of Friends. Further help in this direction comes from the teaching in Friends' schools and First-day schools and from the ministry in the meeting.

Special problems arise in some meetings in regard to scattered members and the young people who lose touch with the home meeting when they go off to college.

### *Seventh—*

With few exceptions our members adhere to our principles against military training and service. Report

is made of two young Friends who applied for and received exemption from training in college and the feeling is expressed in more than one report that such conscientious scruples would prevail generally among our members in case of war. Many of our young people are keenly aware of the implications of the present situation and are seeking to meet it in accordance with Friends' testimonies.

Some Friends are doing valuable work for the cause of peace and some meetings have active committees, but the concern is expressed in nearly every report that there is need for greater peace effort at this time on the part of all our members. Agencies for peace and reconciliation need to be strengthened, a deeper examination of the causes of war made, and effective means found for removing them. The present world situation brings severe stress on our peace principles and necessitates some straight thinking if we are to uphold our belief in non-violence under all conditions.

Our meeting urges that greater unity in our own meetings would be a valuable contribution to the cause of peace. Another asks that greater attention be given to our thoughts and spoken words when considering world situations today so that upon all occasions the spirit of love may be transmitted to others. We must continually search for creative ways to establish that peace which comes from a true understanding of Christ's spirit.

#### *Eighth—*

With some exceptions in each case we generally bear testimony against oaths, gambling in any form and the use of narcotics.

Some do not consider the testimony on oaths vital enough to warrant inconvenience of maintaining it, particularly on printed forms. It is not always easy to recognize the principle of gambling in business practices and care needs to be exercised against making petty wagers and playing for small prizes. We could also do

more to protest against the various schemes of chance which are so widely used for advertising purposes. One meeting mentions that many Friends are working against the passage of the proposed amendment to the State Constitution which would allow pari-mutual betting in New Jersey.

A considerable number of Friends do not practice total abstinence although convinced of the value of temperance. This fact is a matter of concern to several meetings and we are asked whether it is not time to develop a fresh personal interest in the testimony against drinking.

The Overseers of one meeting sent out a direct and courageous letter which was effective in turning some from even the very moderate use of alcohol.

Many Friends are already working actively in this cause but this query is one which should have the diligent thought and prayer of all members.

#### *Ninth—*

With few exceptions our members appear to be punctual in keeping promises and in payment of debts and try to be honorable in all their relationships with others. There is no undue expansion of business, though one meeting reminds us that this situation is partly due to the depression, and that few try or are able to loose themselves from the exacting requirements of making a living in business.

In most meetings there is a real concern to promote the kind of economic system which shall so function as to fulfill its part in sustaining and enriching life for all. Some members have made valuable contributions to the attainment of this goal.

We are somewhat baffled by the complexity of the problem and the many solutions offered. It is, however, important that we should try to give them our intelligent and prayerful consideration.

## Answers to Supplementary Queries.

### *First—*

Hannah D. Stratton, an Elder and member of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, deceased the 25th of Eleventh Month, 1938, in the eighty-third year of her age.

Clemuel R. Henrie, an Elder and member of Greenwood Preparative and Muncy Monthly Meeting, deceased the 13th of First Month, 1938, aged nearly eighty-two years.

Rachel Cope Evans, an Elder of Germantown Monthly Meeting for twenty-four years and eleven months, died First Month 4, 1939.

Mary H. Bailey, an Elder of Birmingham Monthly Meeting, died Ninth Month 22, 1938.

Caln Quarterly Meeting reports: "One Minister removed certificate to Birmingham Monthly Meeting."

Etta J. Moon deceased Second Month 9, 1939, an Elder of Falls Monthly Meeting.

William C. Allen, a beloved Minister of Chester (N. J.) Monthly Meeting, died on the 14th of Eleventh Month, 1938, in his eighty-second year.

Also: J. Edwin James, an Elder of Birmingham Monthly Meeting, died Third Month 2, 1938 (reported orally in the Yearly Meeting).

### *Second—*

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting reports: "Preparative Meetings at Elklands and at Greenwood have been discontinued and the members of these two meetings have been united with Muncy Preparative Meeting."

Western Quarterly Meeting reports: "Kennett Monthly Meeting has been discontinued."

Burlington and Bucks Quarterly Meeting reports: "Mid-week meetings at Fallsington are discontinued during the period of Standard Time."

Other Quarterly Meetings report no new meetings have been established nor any discontinued.

*Third—*

Quarterly Meetings report that the requirements of this Query have been met, with the exception that one Quarterly Meeting reports: "One Meeting has not as yet prepared a definitive list of members, but plans to do so next year;" and another Quarterly Meeting reports: "No written list is kept of non-members who attend our meetings."

*Fourth—*

Quarterly Meetings generally report that aid has been given to Friends in need of material assistance, and they have been helped in securing education for their children. One Quarterly Meeting reports: "We have no Friends in need of assistance, except that some have been helped in educating their children."

*Fifth—*

*Philadelphia Quarter*—Friends' Select School is under the care of a joint committee appointed by the two Philadelphia Monthly Meetings. The Headmaster and two-thirds of the teachers are Friends. Haverford Friends' School is under the care of Haverford Monthly Meeting. The Principal and six of the fourteen teachers are Friends. All the teachers in both schools are persons of Christian character in sympathy with the ideals of Friends.

*Abington Quarter*—Two schools are conducted by two of our Constituent Meetings. The Principals of both these schools are Friends and many of their respective staffs are also in membership with us. All the teachers are of Christian character and give evidence of being sympathetic to the ideals of Friends.

*Concord Quarter*—The schools of Lansdowne and Media are under the care of teachers and committees who are deeply concerned with the spread of Friendly ideals.

At Wilmington three members serve on the Board of Managers of Wilmington Friends' School, which is under the care of Fourth and West Streets Meeting. Fifty-seven children of the Quarter are in Westtown School.

*Burlington and Bucks*—We have one school under the care of Falls Monthly Meeting, all of whose teachers are Friends.

*Haddonfield and Salem*—We have two schools. The one of five grades at Haddonfield is under the care of a committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting. The Moorestown Friends' School which carries all grades from kindergarten through high schools, is managed by a joint committee from the two Chester Monthly Meetings. The teachers in both schools are chosen for their Christian character and sympathy with the ideals of Friends as well as for scholastic attainments.

The other Quarterly Meetings report no schools of the kind queried after.

#### *Sixth—*

Three Quarterly Meetings report that no cases of delinquency requiring action have come before any of their Monthly Meetings during the past year. One Quarterly Meeting reports: "Care is taken in dealing with offenders to comply with the terms of this query. Three meetings report no cases requiring judgment." Another Quarterly Meeting reports: "In most meetings there has been no need to deal with offenders; a concern is felt to deal helpfully with any who have not lived up to our ideals; one meeting feels that more could be done." Another Meeting reports: "We endeavor to deal with those delinquent in conduct with meekness and impartiality."

#### *Seventh—*

Quarterly Meetings generally report that the Queries have been read and answered and the Advices have been read as directed. One Quarterly Meeting reports:

"The inquiries in this Query have been met, except that one Meeting did not read the Queries, but will do so next year." Another Quarterly Meeting reports: "The Queries and Advices have been read as directed, except in one meeting, which did not read the Advices." Another Quarterly Meeting reports: "The Queries and Advices have been read at First-day meetings for worship, though not always in Tenth Month as advised by the Book of Faith and Practice. The Queries have been answered in the business meetings, and one meeting reports reading not only the Queries but the answers as well, on the First-day following Monthly Meeting."

*Eighth—*

Quarterly Meetings report that the requirements of this Query have been met by their Monthly Meetings.

### **Report of the Representative Meeting.\***

*(Prepared by the Secretary)*

*To the Yearly Meeting:*

During the year which has elapsed since the 1938 sessions of the Yearly Meeting, certain changes in the membership and officers of the Representative Meeting have taken place.

We report with a deep sense of loss the death of our dear friend and fellow member, Henry Tatnall Brown, who had served since 1922 as an appointee of the Yearly Meeting. He was one of the class of members whose term of service expires in Third Month, 1940. The filling of the vacancy caused by his death is drawn to the attention of the Yearly Meeting for such action as it thinks best.

Frank H. Goodwin, a member appointed by Caln

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\*References to Minutes of the Representative Meeting and other documents, which are contained in the original report, are omitted in this copy of it.

Quarterly Meeting, has resigned and no successor to him has yet been appointed.

Harold Evans, after serving as Clerk of the Representative Meeting for eight years, resigned from that office and M. Albert Linton was appointed to succeed him. This change took effect on Sixth Month 17, 1938.

By virtue of his appointment as Yearly Meeting Secretary, Edward W. Evans has succeeded William B. Harvey as Secretary of the Representative Meeting.

At its session in 1938, the Yearly Meeting referred to the Representative Meeting seven matters, viz.: (1) The duties of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting; (2) a matter relating to United Meetings; (3) the care of Meeting properties; (4) the appointment of Monthly Meeting nominees to the Mission Board; (5) the auditing of accounts in subordinate Meetings; (6) revision of the educational statistics forms; (7) the problem of Yearly Meeting finances. These subjects received attention at the session of the Representative Meeting in Fourth Month, 1938, and subsequently. The ways in which they have been disposed of will appear in the course of this report.

The subjects which have claimed the attention of the Representative Meeting fall naturally into two main classes: 1st, those relating to the internal affairs of the Yearly Meeting; and, 2nd, those pertaining to our relationship with the world outside our membership.

Regarding matters within our own membership and organization, there are a number of items to report, some of minor consequence and others of considerable importance.

Pursuant to the reference from the Yearly Meeting, the Monthly Meeting nominees to the Mission Board were appointed to that body on Fourth Month 15, 1938.

Two subjects have been considered which relate closely to the affairs of the Yearly Meeting while in session. Last year the Yearly Meeting referred to the Representative Meeting the question of the functions of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, and, in particular,

the method of nominating the Yearly Meeting Clerks. After consideration of this matter, with the aid of a Committee which gave it careful thought, the Representative Meeting decided to ask the Quarterly Meetings to appoint the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting in Eleventh and Twelfth Months instead of Second and Third Months, as heretofore. This was put into effect during the past year. Believing that this alteration in the time of appointment would largely remove our procedural difficulties, it was concluded not to recommend to the Yearly Meeting, at this time, further changes in our present practice.

An examination of the Minute Books of the Yearly Meeting covering past years showed that it has not been the custom of the Clerks to sign the official Minutes after they have been copied into the book for permanent record. After a Committee had given its attention to this matter, it was agreed to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that the official Minutes, after being copied into the permanent Minute Book, should be signed by both the Presiding Clerk and the Recording Clerk.

Four agencies which operate regularly during the year under the supervision of the Representative Meeting are the Book Committee, the Department of Records, the Charleston Meeting Estate Trustees, and the office of the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting.

The annual report of the Book Committee, received and approved by the Representative Meeting, is forwarded herewith to the Yearly Meeting (Annex A). It portrays satisfactory operations of the Book Store during the year. It has been arranged for William B. Harvey to continue at present as the Manager of the Book Store.

The annual report of the Custodian of Records, which has also been received and approved, shows useful work done in the care and indexing of records and the making of 150 searches. Grants by the Charleston Meeting Estate Trustees aggregating \$850.00 have been made with the approval of the Representative Meeting to

various Friends' Meeting Houses. With one exception, all of the Meetings receiving these grants are located in the South. The exception is a grant to Friends' Center, Seattle, Washington, where our former fellow member, Beatrice Shipley, is now located. The office of the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting has been conducted as heretofore under the general supervision of the Advisory Committee of the Representative Meeting. On Tenth Month 1, 1938, Edward W. Evans succeeded William B. Harvey as Secretary.

The two sets of statistical information prepared annually for the benefit of the Yearly Meeting—one relating to the education of our young people, the other showing changes in our membership—have again been compiled. Regarding the educational statistics, it may be recalled that the Yearly Meeting last year noted that the figures collected with reference to non-member children were not compiled on a uniform basis and consequently had little value. It asked the Representative Meeting, in co-operation with the Committee on Education, to prepare a satisfactory form to cover that group of children. This has been done and the statistics have been collected this year on two standard forms—one covering members, and the other non-member children. It is understood that the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting is forwarding to the Yearly Meeting a report of these statistics.

The statement of membership statistics has been received by the Representative Meeting and is submitted herewith for the information of the Yearly Meeting (Annex B). Comparing the figures with those of last year, the following points may be of special interest: Last year in our total membership, not including United Members, there was a net loss for the year of 19; this year a net gain of 27. A considerable portion of the difference is accounted for by the fact that there were 21 fewer deaths reported this year than last. Taking the total membership, including United Members, the net gain last year was 16; this year 38. The gain in United

Members alone last year was 35 as compared with 11 this year.

The Yearly Meeting last year gave attention to two subjects covering the affairs of subordinate Meetings. In response to the suggestion of a Committee that some policy be adopted toward providing adequate care of infrequently used Meeting House properties and burial grounds, the Yearly Meeting requested Quarterly Meetings to survey the situation and report to the Representative Meeting. The Quarterly Meetings' reports were received and have been reviewed by the Committee of the Representative Meeting which has had the subject in its care. Its report, submitted herewith (Annex C), has been approved by the Representative Meeting, which recommends that the Yearly Meeting should adopt and send down to subordinate Meetings for their guidance, points one to four inclusive, regarding the policy to be pursued.

The matter of audits, in accordance with the requirements of the Eighth Supplemental Query, also received attention from the Yearly Meeting and the Quarterly Meetings in which these did not seem to have been fully met were asked to report to the Representative Meeting the action taken to remedy the defects. In the two cases involved, reports have been made that the situation has been corrected.

Feeling that the matter of proper audits is an important one, the Representative Meeting has had prepared a standard form of audit. It is not felt that it would be desirable to propose a single, rigid form of audit for all Meetings when the conditions among them are so widely different, but copies of the form have been sent to the Clerks of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings for their consideration and for such use as each Meeting may think suitable under its particular circumstances.

In connection with the subject of United Meetings, the Representative Meeting has had before it the possible amendment of the provisions of Faith and Practice with reference to three points: (1) representation of the

United Monthly Meetings' Committees of Ministry and Counsel in the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and the Quarterly Meeting Committees of Ministry and Counsel of the two Yearly Meetings; (2) a communication from the Representative Committee of the Race Street Yearly Meeting favoring the establishment of "dual membership"; (3) certain changes for the clarification of the present provisions of Faith and Practice. At its session last year, the Yearly Meeting approved a draft of a provision covering the first point, but postponed its inclusion in Faith and Practice until further consideration could be given to the whole question of the relationship between the United Meetings and the Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, and Quarterly Meeting Committees of Ministry and Counsel. These matters received the careful attention of the Representative Meeting through a special Committee appointed to deal with them.

At its session on Twelfth Month 16, 1938, the Representative Meeting approved a draft provision submitted by the Committee to care for the matter referred to us by the Yearly Meeting. Subsequently, it was found that the Representative Committee of Race Street Yearly Meeting would prefer to continue for three more years, as a testing period, under the present United Meetings provisions of their Book of Discipline and our Faith and Practice. It is, accordingly, recommended that the proposed amendment should not be adopted at present.

Regarding the matter of "dual membership", the Representative Meeting approved the conclusion of its Committee that no change should be made now but that we should continue for a further testing period of three years with the membership designations set up in Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the United Meetings section of the Books of Discipline of the two Yearly Meetings.

It seems, however, that the present provisions of Faith and Practice relating to United Meetings can be further clarified by a few simple changes, and it is recom-

mended that the section dealing with those Meetings on Pages 66 and 67 of Faith and Practice be amended so as to read as set forth in the paper attached hereto, marked "Annex D".

It will be remembered that the last Yearly Meeting requested the Representative Meeting to review the broad question of the financial support of the various Committees responsible to the Yearly Meeting, including the matter of a reduction of the appropriation to the Indian Committee. A special Committee appointed on Fourth Month 15, 1938, has given this subject very thoughtful and careful consideration and the matter has been before the Representative Meeting at its sessions on Tenth Month 21, 1938, Twelfth Month 16, 1938, and First Month 20, 1939. The report of the Committee, as already printed in *The Friend*, is submitted herewith (Annex E), with the recommendation of the Representative Meeting that the Yearly Meeting adopt its proposals.

We turn now to activities relating to affairs in the world about us. During the year, we have had personal contact with the Far East through two Friends. In Fourth Month, 1938, a Returning Letter was given to Ryumei Yamano, a member of Mito Monthly Meeting of Japan, who, after spending some months at Pendle Hill, returned with a brave spirit to Japan under the difficulties and dangers which must beset any Japanese citizen who undertakes to be a whole-hearted Christian and pacifist. Our dear Friend, C. Walter Borton, received our sympathetic support in his concern to visit Friends in Japan and China, and has carried with him in those countries not only a Minute of the Representative Meeting but our warm interest and affection. Another esteemed Friend, Dr. Thomas R. Kelly of Haverford College, was given a Minute to take with him in his visit to German Friends last summer and brought us a Returning Minute from the German Yearly Meeting.

The Willits Committee is a channel of contact be-

tween us and the Negroes in this country and Liberia. Its Annual Report presented at the last session of the Representative Meeting described its chief activity—the issuing and distribution of the paper entitled *The Friendly Messenger*.

The Representative Meeting feels that the Yearly Meeting wishes to maintain both the spirit and practice of fellowship and co-operation with our fellow Christians in the various Churches. As in former years, we have continued our participation in the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. Delegates from the Representative Meeting attended the Annual Convention held last Fourth Month under the auspices of the Council, and the Annual Meeting of the Council in Tenth Month. Delegates to the next Annual Convention have been appointed.

At a special session of the Representative Meeting held on Twelfth Month 2, 1938, there was presented the official invitation to this Yearly Meeting to join the World Council of Churches, extended by the Constituent Committee of Fourteen set up by the two World Conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in the summer of 1937. The invitation, together with a copy of the Constitution of the World Council of Churches and an Explanatory Memorandum, are transmitted herewith for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting (Annex F).

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Church Unity has consulted the Representative Meeting as to what report and recommendation, regarding this important matter, should be made to the Yearly Meeting by the Church Unity Committee. The Representative Meeting has not undertaken to make a report on its own account but has confined itself to advising the Committee on Church Unity as to the character of its report. The report, recommending acceptance of the invitation to join the World Council of Churches, will come before the Yearly Meeting direct from the Committee with the approval of the Representative Meeting. The giving of approval of the latter body was accompanied by expressions of concern from a number of members re-

garding aspects of the matter, and the portion of the Minute of the Representative Meeting recording its attitude is given in full below. A word or two of explanation may be helpful at this point.

The World Council of Churches is the outgrowth primarily of the two movements known as the Life and Work Movement, seeking to unite the Churches in thinking out their witness in the face of the needs of the world, and the Faith and Order Movement, which aims to bring them closer together in matters of faith and doctrine. In the summer of 1937, two World Conferences, one held at Oxford representing the Life and Work Movement, the other held at Edinburgh representing the Faith and Order Movement, appointed members to serve on a joint Constituent Committee of Fourteen to plan and promote the establishment of a World Council of Churches. A constitution for the proposed World Council has now been drawn up and the Constituent Committee has extended invitations to most of the Protestant Churches throughout the world to become members. One of these invitations has been extended to this Yearly Meeting.

According to its constitution, the function of the World Council shall be to carry on the work of the two World Movements for Faith and Order and Life and Work; to facilitate common action by the Churches; to promote co-operation in study; and to serve certain other enumerated purposes. The Council does not have power to legislate for the member Churches. Its organization consists of an Assembly and a Central Committee, both limited in the number of members. Membership in these bodies is allocated provisionally among groups of Churches. Individual local Churches are not entitled to separate representation. This Yearly Meeting would not have the right to insist upon being represented on the Assembly or Central Committee by one of its own members or by a Friend, though a Friend might be chosen as one of the representatives of a group of Churches including our Yearly Meeting. It is provided

that the World Council shall discharge part of its functions by the establishment of Commissions, under the authority of the Assembly, including, in particular, Commissions for carrying on the activities of the Faith and Order and Life and Work Movements. Membership in the World Council is limited to those Churches which accept the basis of membership laid down in Article I of the Constitution. This provides that "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of Churches which accepts our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." It is this statement of a doctrinal basis of membership which has raised for us the chief issue regarding acceptance of the invitation to join the Council. The report of the Committee on Church Unity will lay before the Yearly Meeting the Committee's recommendation as to the way in which this matter should be dealt with. The following portion of the Minute adopted by the Representative Meeting in approving the Committee's report, records the Meeting's attitude:

"The Meeting united in giving its approval to the revised draft of the report, but concern was expressed regarding certain aspects of the matter as follows:

"1. The approval of some of our members was given with a degree of hesitation and doubt about the wisdom of the step. One member felt it to be a break with the Quaker conception that God does not limit Himself to working through certain selected groups, but has worked in history through all mankind.

"2. There was a concern felt that the report of the Church Unity Committee, and its approval by this Meeting, should not be regarded as the setting up of a statement of doctrine to be used as a test of faith among us."

Certain proposed State and Federal Legislation has recently been given attention. The most important matters are: bills in the Pennsylvania Legislature to

establish a State Lottery and to legalize lotteries as a means of raising money for charitable purposes; a Pennsylvania bill to legalize betting on horse races; a referendum in New Jersey on this issue to be held next Sixth Month; certain bills in Congress to provide for military instruction in the CCC Camps; and a bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature to abolish Capital Punishment. These matters have received attention with a view to exerting our influence against the undesirable legislation and in support of the passage of the anti-Capital Punishment Bill. The support of the individual members of the Yearly Meeting in these efforts is solicited.

From the Friends World Committee for Consultation, which met in Vallekilde, Denmark, in Ninth Month last, we received a Minute regarding the Committee's concern over the persecution of the Jews and its desire to lay the "concern upon all Yearly Meetings and groups of Friends with a view to encouraging Friends everywhere to take action." Sympathy with this message was felt. The work of the American Friends' Service Committee in this field seems to make it unnecessary for the Representative Meeting to organize a separate effort to deal with the problem.

The Representative Meeting has taken interest in two important gatherings having to do with international relations and peace. Members of the Yearly Meeting living in California were requested to represent us at the International Goodwill Congress held in San Francisco in Eleventh Month under the auspices of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches. We felt an even more lively and intimate interest in the special session of London Yearly Meeting in Eleventh Month, held to consider Friends' peace position and testimony in the present troubled state of the world. Greetings from us were sent by letter to the Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, and our fellow member, Richard R. Wood, attended the meeting as the representative of the Peace Committee.

Our late dear friend, William C. Allen, was one whose

heart reached out to Friends and others in many parts of the world, and who gave us a notable example of devotion to the cause of peace and to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom of Love. A Memorial regarding him from Haddonfield and Salem Quarterly Meeting was received, approved and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. It is transmitted herewith (Annex G).

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EDWARD W. EVANS,  
Secretary.

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#### ANNEX A.

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

#### **Report of the Book Committee.**

*To the Representative Meeting:*

Taking a long range view of the activities of Friends' Book Store, dating from about 1920, a visitor would be impressed by the broadened scheme of management. It is sincerely to be hoped that there has been no lessening of endeavor on the part of those responsible for the work to keep the shelves well stocked with all the outstanding older and current books having to do with the principles of Quakerism, and in addition a rather generous selection of religious books by non-Friends, both foreign and domestic, for a very important part of our business consists of the sale of books from abroad. Such was not the case twenty years ago, when scarcely anything but "Approved" books by our own members were handled. We also have a good selection of children's books.

We are increasingly made aware of the fact that our Store is "off the beaten path," so to speak, and that business must be sought by advertising and other forms

of publicity. The Store is now supplied with up-to-date catalogue information, enabling it to secure promptly practically any book which is not out of print.

The past year has been one of more than ordinary activity in the line of publications: the most important undertaking being a Spanish edition of the "Journal of George Fox" (Everyman's series), which will soon be ready for distribution. The translation and printing of this book has been largely financed by the Rebecca White fund.

Among other publications of the year have been 1000 copies in pamphlet form of a reprint from *The Friend*: "The Eternal Now and Social Concern," by Thomas R. Kelly; and 5000 copies of a Woolman leaflet, "The Divine Message," by T. Edmund Harvey, reprinted by permission from the *Friends' Quarterly Examiner* of London, one-half of the edition being taken by Friends' Fellowship Council.

Another interesting reprint was "Emerson and Quakerism," by Frederick Tolles, first appearing in a recent number of *American Literature*.

The 1939 William Penn lecture, entitled "Holy Obedience," to be delivered at Yearly Meeting time, is now in press.

It may be of interest to note that our Book Store will be the American distributing point for the important "Annual Catalogue of George Fox: His Papers," edited by Henry J. Cadbury; just published.

We have recently had prepared a list of our publications for the last ten years. This includes all of the William Penn lectures. For the most part these numerous issues have seemed timely and well received. This seems to be the best method of spreading the message of Quakerism. While any business, naturally, wants to break even, our chief aim is to spread good literature among Friends and others. We appear to be recognized by the book trade as the center of Quakeriana in America, and orders from book stores and colleges all over the country come to our store for this type of publication.

The number of books sent as free grants has been so well maintained that the fund drawn upon in making them is at present uncomfortably low. These free grants are made from a list of 230 books (including a few pamphlets) approved by the Representative Meeting. Among recipients of these are the University of Wisconsin Friends' group; Antioch College, Ohio; Black Mountain College, N. C.; Locust Valley School, Long Island, N. Y.; Friends in Cuba, Ceylon and Japan; Westtown School graduates and the Young Friends Movement. Many newly married couples are recipients of our \$10 grants. A large grant of different editions of the "Journal of George Fox" have been made for use at Haverford College.

Our service to the Tract Association of Friends and to the Bible Association adds considerably to the labors of the attendants at the Store, but it seems fitting that the work should be cared for there, and the moderate compensation helps to ease the annual deficit. We are steadily working for a balanced budget, but it seems to be a well-established fact that a religious book store cannot be expected to avoid financial loss, unless considerable fiction is included in its sales.

The receipts for the fiscal year ending Second Month 28, 1939, amounted to \$5,502.67. This is less than last year's record which was phenomenal on account of the Friends World Conference sales, and in addition, one or more books whose special sales added more than \$1,000 to the total.

Friends seem to be increasingly recognized by the world at large for their social and humanitarian activities. We should be humbly thankful for that. We cannot too strongly urge that, in addition to this service, there should be a much more general reading of books portraying the foundation principles of our Religious Society.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) J. HENRY BARTLETT,

*Chairman.*

Philadelphia, Third Month 14, 1939.

## ANNEX B.

(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)

### Report on Vital Statistics and Changes in Membership.

*To the Representative Meeting:*

The attached table shows the membership of the Yearly Meeting as of Twelfth Month 31, 1938, and gives in detail the changes in membership occurring during the calendar year, 1938. It has been compiled from reports received by the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting from the Recorders of the various Monthly Meetings. The main data may be summarized, as follows:—

#### MEMBERSHIP NOT INCLUDING UNITED MEMBERS.

Total Membership, Twelfth Month 31, 1937.....	4683
Total Membership, Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	4710
Total Gain in Membership.....	27

#### *Gains:*

Births.....	33
Certificates Received.....	72
Applications.....	60
By Adjustment.....	6
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Total Gains.....	171

#### *Losses:*

Deaths.....	53
Certificates Granted.....	70
Resignations.....	5
Dropped.....	16
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Total Losses.....	144
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Net Gain for the Year.....	27

With reference to the foregoing figures, it may be noted that in three cases there has been a discrepancy between this year's Recorders' reports and last year's, with reference to the number of members reported as of Twelfth Month 31, 1937. The figures of the latest report in each case have been accepted and the discrepancy cared for in the table in the column entitled "Adjustment."

#### TOTAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING UNITED MEMBERS.

Total Membership, Twelfth Month 31, 1937.....	4729
Total Membership, Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	4767
Total Gain in Membership.....	38

#### UNITED MEMBERS.

There are now four United Meetings, viz.: Chestnut Hill, Concord, Radnor and Providence. Concord United Meeting has no United Members, but is composed entirely of Friends having full membership in either Arch or Race Street Yearly Meeting. The following figures relate to the United Members of the other three United Monthly Meetings:—

United Members, Twelfth Month 31, 1937.....	46
United Members, Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	57
Total Gain.....	11

#### *United Membership Gains:*

Births.....	0
Certificates Received.....	0
Applications.....	<u>11</u>
Total Gain.....	11

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

*(Figures include all Arch Street and United Members.)*

In connection with the following figures, it should be noted that owing to the possibility of different interpretations and methods of recording by the Monthly Meeting Recorders, it is difficult to secure absolute ac-

curacy. The figures should, therefore, be taken as presenting the case approximately, according to the best information available in the Secretary's office.

Number of non-members married to members, as of Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	869*
Number of children (non-members) of whom one parent is a member, as of Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	823*
Number of non-members attending our Meetings with more or less regularity, during the calendar year 1938.....	553
Number of above classes received into membership during the calendar year 1938.....	44

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EDWARD W. EVANS,

*Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Third Month 17, 1939.

### ANNEX C.

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

## **Report of Committee on Care of Meeting House Properties.**

*To the Representative Meeting:*

We have examined the information on condition of meeting properties, supplied by the Quarterly Meetings. Two Quarterly Meetings report some difficulties because of lack of funds. In the other Quarterly Meetings properties are generally well cared for. For a detailed picture of each property in the Yearly Meeting, with its needs and resources, much more particular information is needed. This we consider unnecessary at present. Where there is need for improvement, we believe the Quarterly

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# TABULATED STATEMENT

Showing changes in membership of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street)  
for the year ending Twelfth Month 31, 1938

(Grand total membership, including United Members, Twelfth Month 31, 1938—4767. Net Gain—48 )

QUARTERLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	GAINS				LOSSES				Net Gain	Membership 12th Mo 31, 1917	Adults—Males	Adults—Females	Minors						
		Births	Certs. Received	Requests	Adjustment	Deaths	Certs. Granted	Resignations	Dropped or											
Arch Street . . . . .	Quarter	230	1	1	4	0	2	2	16	6	224	84	105	35						
Twelfth Street . . . . .	Quarter	360	1	1	4	0	2	2	16	8	372	138	169	55						
Muncy . . . . .	Quarter	89	6	1	6	2	3	3	16	19	70	23	37	13						
Haverford . . . . .	Quarter	406	6	1	6	2	3	3	16	8	414	151	158	105						
*Radnor (Arch St. Members) . . . . .	Quarter	1112	7	4	10	20	7	2	16	0	1088	360	439	209						
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		284	3	3	4	2	1	11	1	295	87	123	85							
Frankford . . . . .	Quarter	89	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	93	43	31	19						
Alington . . . . .	Quarter	64	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	66	24	26	16						
Germantown . . . . .	Quarter	641	1	9	6	1	5	1	5	1	646	244	293	109						
*Chestnut Hill (Arch St. Members) . . . . .	Quarter	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	7	9	19						
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		823	4	11	9	6	6	1	12	840	318	359	163							
Chester, Pa. . . . .	Quarter	284	3	3	4	2	1	11	1	295	87	123	85							
Goshen . . . . .	Quarter	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	13	16	7						
*Concord (Arch St. Members) . . . . .	Quarter	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	12	14	8						
Wilmington . . . . .	Quarter	113	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	110	42	40	28						
Birmingham . . . . .	Quarter	260	1	5	2	4	1	1	3	3	263	92	118	53						
Lansdowne . . . . .	Quarter	271	3	1	11	4	4	1	11	1	282	98	114	70						
Westtown . . . . .	Quarter	148	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	156	49	58	49						
Middletown . . . . .	Quarter	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	119	37	50	32						
Providence (Arch St. Members) . . . . .	Quarter	1768	9	14	20	4	12	7	33	5	1766	431	533	332						
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		91	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	91	39	42	10						
Bradford . . . . .	Quarter	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	22	20	9						
Uxbridge . . . . .	Quarter	143	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	142	61	62	19						
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	18	19	7						
Kennett . . . . .	Quarter	100	1	31	3	3	36	29	36	8	129	54	62	13						
New Garden . . . . .	Quarter	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	7	13	6						
London Grove . . . . .	Quarter	170	1	31	3	3	36	29	36	163	64	78	21							
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		52	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	20	25	9						
Burlington . . . . .	Quarter	144	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	146	48	65	33						
Chesterfield . . . . .	Quarter	250	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	253	87	116	50						
Falls . . . . .	Quarter	166	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	172	65	81	26						
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		404	5	2	6	4	7	2	4	1	406	151	191	124						
Haddonfield . . . . .	Quarter	183	1	6	6	2	2	9	9	194	70	79	45							
Chester, N. J. . . . .	Quarter	149	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	51	52	21						
Upper Exelham . . . . .	Quarter	149	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	51	52	21						
Woodbury . . . . .	Quarter	149	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	51	52	21						
Salmon . . . . .	Quarter	912	6	11	15	7	0	17	1	028	334	392	212							
Totals for Quarter . . . . .		4683	33	72	60	6	53	70	5	16	4710	1675	2029	1016						
TOTALS: Arch St. Y. Mfg. . . . .		13	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	19	5	8	6						
*Radnor—United Members . . . . .		11	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	14	6	6	2						
*Chestnut Hill—United Members . . . . .		22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24	5	10	9						
*Providence—United Members . . . . .		46	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	57	16	24	17						
TOTALS, UNITED MEMBERS . . . . .		4729	33	72	71	6	53	70	5	16	4767	1691	2053	1023						
GRAND TOTALS . . . . .																				

\*United Members



Meetings involved are able to care for it. While no sales have been reported during the past year, we understand that three or more properties have been sold.

As to the future policy of the Yearly Meeting, we recommend:—

1. That the attention of subordinate meetings be called to the importance of the proper maintenance of all meeting properties by special minute of the Yearly Meeting this year, and at regular intervals of five years thereafter.

2. That while the care of meeting properties, with their endowments, is the responsibility of the local meeting, when such care becomes difficult in any particular case, that the situation be brought to the attention of its superior meeting for advice and assistance.

3. That the terms of trust should be strictly observed, and particular care should be taken not to use capital funds for operating expenses.

4. That subordinate meetings be directed to give attention to the following considerations:—

(a) All property owned by the Society of Friends should be maintained in reputable condition.

(b) Each situation should be treated on its own merits.

(c) The possibility of re-opening closed meeting-houses, or the erection of new ones, in the work of extending the Kingdom of God.

(d) The maintaining of historical values for posterity.

(e) The possible use of funds received from the sale of Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds, in maintaining similar properties, or in establishing new ones in accordance with current needs.

(f) The seeking of Divine guidance, in all cases, as to the right course to follow.

(Signed) MARTHA C. WICKERSHAM,

“ BENJAMIN S. DECOU,

“ CLEMENT E. ALLEN.

Third Month 15, 1939.

## ANNEX D.

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

**Proposed Revision of United Meetings Section of  
Faith and Practice Adopted by Representative  
Meeting Third Month 17, 1939.**

*(Changes from the wording of the present provisions are indicated by underlining.)\**

## UNITED MEETINGS.

In view of the fact that there are neighborhoods within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, in which our members are joining in worship, or conducting First-day Schools, or holding meetings for business, with members of the Race Street Yearly Meeting and other Friends, and that in some cases such groups have merged completely, it seems wise for our Yearly Meeting to suggest modes of procedure for the guidance of all such groups as may be recognized by our Quarterly Meetings as United Monthly Meetings, as follows:

1. That members of Arch Street and Race Street Yearly Meetings retain their Yearly Meeting memberships as at present.

2. That members of either of these Yearly Meetings who move their certificates of membership to a United Monthly Meeting retain their Yearly Meeting membership.

3. That a *non-Friend* applicant for membership in a United Monthly Meeting, when accepted, be recorded a member of the Yearly Meeting of his choice.

4. That a member of any other Yearly Meeting whose certificate is accepted by a United Monthly Meeting, be recorded a member of Arch Street or Race Street Yearly Meeting according to his choice.

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\*Italics instead of underlining are used here.

5. That if such applicant *under Paragraph 3* or transferred member *under Paragraph 4* does not desire to be a member of either Yearly Meeting, then he shall be recorded a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ United Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. In such cases each Yearly Meeting represented should list the member in a special classification called United Memberships, and expect such members to share all the privileges and responsibilities of regular membership.

6. That a United Monthly Meeting send annually to each of the two superior Quarterly Meetings prior to Yearly Meeting, a general statement concerning the condition and activities of the Meeting, covering matters suggested by the queries.

7. That a United Monthly Meeting appoint representatives to each Quarterly Meeting with which it has full affiliation.

8. That a United Monthly Meeting should make a financial contribution to each Quarterly Meeting in an amount agreed upon with the Quarterly Meeting.

9. That each United Monthly Meeting appoint a committee of Ministry and Counsel, to promote the spiritual development of the meeting. *The appointment of members of Arch Street Yearly Meeting and of United members shall be subject to confirmation by the Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the superior Quarterly Meeting of Arch Street Yearly Meeting.* Such other committees may be appointed as a United Monthly Meeting finds necessary.

10. That important matters difficult for United Monthly Meetings to cope with be referred to the Representative bodies of the two Yearly Meetings.

*ANNEX E.*

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

**Report of the Committee on Yearly Meeting  
Finances.**

*To the Representative Meeting:*

In response to the commitment from the Yearly Meeting in Minute No. 67—1938 Session, requesting the Representative Meeting to review the question of the financial support of the various Committees responsible to the Yearly Meeting, we submit the following report.

We have consulted with the Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Budget, and have reviewed the findings of the Budget Committee and their reports to the Yearly Meeting in 1935, 1936 and 1937. We reconfirm the Budget Committee's conclusions that while the method of supporting Yearly Meeting Committees by a combination of Meeting appropriation and direct solicitation of individual Friends, is somewhat haphazard and causes some confusion, that for the present it is the best method. The dual support probably produces more money than would any other plan.

One very true measure of the interest of our membership in a Yearly Meeting Committee is the number of contributors to the work of the Committee, and the total amount directly subscribed by these contributors.

In the last three Yearly Meetings there have been urgent requests from individual committees and organizations for financial aid. We believe that the Yearly Meeting should endeavor to reduce the tendency for competition for financial assistance in the discussions that occur during the Yearly Meeting Sessions.

We suggest the following Plan with respect to the allocation of appropriations to be included in the Yearly

Meeting budget. This plan, if approved, would serve as a guide to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Audit and Budget in their recommendations to the Yearly Meeting Session in 1940. Yearly Meeting Committees will therefore have a full year to make any adjustments in methods of collecting funds, if this is necessary.

Budget should include:—

*Group A:* Yearly Meeting overhead and operating expenses: such as—Secretary's Office—rent—printing—care of records and the book store.

(This group of expenses is the first charge of the Yearly Meeting.)

*Group B:* Religious Education Committee  
Committee on Education  
Council on Education  
Westtown School.

No maximum appropriation or formula to determine the amount of appropriation can be laid down for this group—the amount of appropriation should be in proportion to the interest of the membership in the work of the Committee and the ability of the Monthly Meetings to raise the money required, and in addition consideration must be given to outside sources of income for each Committee.

*Group C:* All other standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting.

In their case Yearly Meeting appropriations should apply primarily to overhead expenses. A number of Committees spend very little money and make no appeal for funds among the membership generally. Such Committees when they have some overhead expenses would be advised that they may apply to the Yearly Meeting's Audit and Budget Committee for

a maximum appropriation of \$50.00. Other Committees have substantial budgets and obtain contributions from the members of the Yearly Meeting. The appropriations to each Committee should be based upon the number of contributors and the total amount contributed direct, with the thought that the normal appropriation should not exceed \$1,000, or 50 per cent. of the total of direct contributions, whichever is the smaller. The data as to direct contributions with reference to six of these committees are as follows:

Mission Board: \$11,549 from 375 individual contributors.

Peace Committee: \$5,282 from 484 individual contributors.

Indian Committee: \$2,661 from 130 individual contributors.

Social Order Committee: \$1,868 from 43 individual contributors.

Young Friends Movement: \$1,000 from 146 individual contributors.

Committee on Race Relations: \$676 from 69 individual contributors.

Although the Mission Board has heretofore not been receiving Yearly Meeting appropriations, it is included in the list since it is directly responsible to the Yearly Meeting, and from the point of view of a number of contributors and the amount contributed, has a strong hold upon the interest of the membership.

In suggesting the Group A, B and C above, it is not intended that the total amount to be raised by the Quarterly Meetings should be increased over the amount raised last year. It is believed that under the proposed plan it would be practicable to make adjustments from year to year according to the needs of the times and the ability of the Yearly Meeting membership to raise

funds, and the net result may increase or decrease the total amount to be appropriated by the Yearly Meeting.

C. REED CARY,  
PAUL J. FURNAS,  
M. ALBERT LINTON,  
CHARLES J. RHOADS,  
J. EDGAR RHOADS,  
JAMES G. VAIL,  
(Signed) THOMAS W. ELKINTON,  
*Chairman.*

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### ANNEX F.

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

## **Invitation to the Yearly Meeting to Join World Council of Churches Extended by the Constituent Committee of Fourteen.**

### WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

*(In Process of Formation.)*

#### PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE

(Constituted by the World Conference on Faith and Order and the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work.)

#### GENEVA

41, Avenue de Champel

Tel. 54-333

Cable Address:

"Oikumene," Geneva.

#### *Chairman of the Provisional Committee*

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

#### *Chairman of the Administrative Committee*

M. LE PASTEUR MARC BOEGNER

#### *General Secretary*

DR. W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT

GENEVA, November 8, 1938.

MR. WILLIAM B. HARVEY,  
Secretary of the Religious Society of Friends  
of Philadelphia and Vicinity,  
304, Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

*Dear Sir:*

I have been instructed to forward the enclosed official invitation which has been duly signed by the following members of the Committee of Fourteen:—

Most Rev. William Temple, D. D., Archbishop of  
York, *Chairman*,  
Rev. William Adams Brown, D. D., *Vice-Chairman*,  
Rev. M. E. Aubrey,  
Dr. G. F. Barbour,  
Rt. Rev. George Bell, Bishop of Chichester,  
Rev. Dr. Marc Boegner,  
Rt. Rev. H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, D. D., Bishop of  
Copenhagen,  
Most Rev. Erling Eidem, D. D., Archbishop of Upsala,  
Rev. Prof. G. Florovsky,  
Most Rev. Metropolitan Germanos, D. D., Archbishop  
of Thyateira,  
Dr. John R. Mott,  
Rev. Prof. Dr. S. F. H. J. Berkelbach van der Sprenkel,  
Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D.  
Rt. Rev. Bishop G. Craig Stewart, D. D.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT,

*Secretary.*

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

*(In Process of Formation.)*

*Dear Brother in Christ:*

We write this letter on behalf of the Constituent Committee of Fourteen set up by the two World Conferences held at Oxford and at Edinburgh in the summer of 1937,

in order to convey through you to the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity the invitation to become a member of the proposed World Council of Churches.

We enclose a copy of the Constitution of the proposed World Council, and an Explanatory Memorandum. Additional copies of these can be obtained from the Secretary of the Provisional Committee, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, 41, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, to whom we suggest that the answer to this invitation should be sent.

At a later date we hope to correspond with you concerning the number of delegates to be elected for the Assembly.

Yours faithfully,

M. E. AUBREY,  
G. F. BARBOUR,  
MARC BOEGNER,  
WILLIAM ADAMS BROWN,  
GEORGE CICESTR,  
H. FUGLSANG-DAMGAARD,  
WILLIAM EBOR,  
ERLING EIDEM,  
G. FLOROVSKY,  
GERMANOS, Archbishop of Thyateira,  
JOHN R. MOTT,  
S. F. H. J. BERKELBACH VAN DER SPRENKEL,  
J. ROSS STEVENSON,  
GEORGE CRAIG STEWART.

NOTE—A supplemental letter, the Explanatory Memorandum, and copy of the Constitution which were included with the original Report of the Representative Meeting, are omitted here, as it seemed unnecessary to print them in The Proceedings.

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### ANNEX G.

*(Attached to and forming part of the Report of the Representative Meeting.)*

### Memorial of William C. Allen.

*(See infra, page 179.)*

## Report of American Friends Service Committee.

March 1, 1939.

*Report of the American Friends Service Committee to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia:*

In presenting the report this year, attention is called to the full report of the work of the American Friends Service Committee for the year 1938, copies of which are available for any who wish to have them. In view of this complete report, it has seemed best in this statement to emphasize only the most pressing features of our service. Two undertakings of an emergency nature at the present are the work in Spain and the service for German refugees.

### SPAIN.

From the very beginning, the deep-seated bitterness between the two sides of the Civil War in Spain has made the problem of administration extremely difficult. With the increasing military success of the Insurgent forces, the number of refugees in Loyalist territory grew, and in inverse proportion the food supply was reduced by an ever increasingly effective blockade. Acute hunger, extending in many cases to starvation, developed late in 1938, and was the chief cause for the fall of Barcelona in First Month, 1939.

The disruption of sea and land transportation has made the transporting of food possible only with the very greatest of difficulty. At times it has taken two months to get food from the point of origin on the French coast into Southern Spain. There has been an increased flow of food supplies available, owing to increased contributions and to the generous gift of the United States Government, through the American Red Cross, of large supplies of flour. This has been entrusted to us for distribution and has been the means of actually saving the lives of hundreds, if not of thousands, of children and mothers.

Solicitation of funds and of gifts in kind has been made much more difficult by the unfortunate attitude of the Roman Catholic Church in its definite and consistent opposition to the giving of relief to Loyalist Spain. Since the fall of Barcelona the problem is simplified in that it brings a major portion of Spain under one administration, but complicated because that administration is a dictatorship in practice.

It is interesting to note, however, that when Barcelona fell, we informed the Insurgents that we would be willing to continue relief only on condition that our present form of organization could continue, and that request was promptly granted.

We have been doing relief in Spain since May, 1937. From that time to December 31, 1938, we have collected and administered \$148,422.52 in cash and \$360,-285.53 in gifts in kind. In addition, we have been the agents for distribution of food supplies furnished by the International Commission amounting to approximately \$60,000. It will interest Friends to know that during the year 1938 the cost of administration, expressed in percentage, including cash and gifts in kind, was 4.9 per cent.

Thought is being given to the question of any long-time influence which might accrue from this service. It is too early yet to indicate an answer to that question; in fact, sometimes it seems best to us to do a piece of humanitarian service in the spirit of our Master as near as we may and to let the long-time results come as a matter of natural development and not necessarily as the result of our planning.

#### GERMAN REFUGEES.

The service for refugees coming from Germany looks as if it would be one of increasing difficulty and pressure. The visit of the delegation of three Friends to Germany in December, and now the presence of three commissioners in Germany—two of whom are accompanied by their wives—has greatly increased the expectations of

refugees of help from the parent organization when they arrive in this country. On Second Month 10th, our refugee office was carrying a load of 843 cases.

Our commissioners in Germany are undertaking to find and meet need for relief as it may emerge under their investigation; also to expedite emigration in various ways. They will explore the possibilities of the establishment of Transit Camps in border countries and, in case the children's quota legislation is passed in this country, will undertake to assist in the transport of children to America. It will be their expectation to be in frequent and intimate contact with officials of present-day Germany as well as of the organizations that are intimately working at the problem of emigration.

Fear is sometimes expressed that the admission to our country of additional people of Jewish race may increase anti-Semitic feeling. This seems to us to be largely a matter of care in distribution and placement of the refugees who come. Only 27,500 can come in any one year unless the quota is changed, which is unlikely. This means one immigrant to every 4500 Americans already here. It is not a large load. It is insignificant compared with the number of immigrants whom we formerly admitted at the rate of over a million a year for a number of years.

The Service Committee is undertaking to specialize on the placement of refugees widely dispersed throughout the country as contrasted with placement in the large cities on the Atlantic seaboard. One of the most important steps in that direction is the establishment at the Scattergood School in Iowa of a reception home and placement center for about forty refugees. Here, training in English, American History and Government, and re-training to some extent in new skills will be offered while the job of permanent placement is going on. It is especially desirable to have Friends visit this Center as they find it possible.

Meetings and individuals can be of real service to the Refugee Committee by making a study of the facili-

ties in their local communities for permanent placement of refugees who have skills to use. Often it is not possible promptly to accept an offer, and we ask Friends to be patient, realizing that the placement service is one of the most difficult imaginable, and that it takes a good deal of time and careful thought. Visits by Friends to the Refugee office, in case they are thinking of assisting in the placement of refugees locally, will be helpful both to the office and to the visitor.

While it is easy to realize that the background of most of the refugees is entirely different and the religious conceptions may be considerably at variance with those of Friends, it will be an invaluable service, whenever possible, if Friends' Meetings can make it a point to welcome refugees to their services and to explain to them something of Friends' views of worship—in no effort to propagandize, but only to help these persons, who have been so rudely uprooted from their normal life, to become adapted to a new country and a new way of living. It is easy to believe that the contribution which will come to Friends who make this effort will be entirely out of proportion to the effort expended and may have a permanently beneficial effect upon the life of our Society.

Passing from these two matters of more emergency nature, we should like to call attention to some forms of service of long-range nature which merit continued interest and support.

#### WORK CAMPS AND YOUTH PEACE SERVICE.

The Work Camps and the Youth Peace Service, which offer opportunities for between three and four hundred young people every summer to put their spiritual idealism to work, are features of our program which we believe may make a more permanent contribution to the effectiveness and significance of the Society of Friends in our civilization than anything we are doing. Meetings will do well to consider making it possible for one or

more of their young Friends to have this kind of an experience.

We should also welcome having one or more Meetings or groups of Meetings undertake a small project connected with a Work Camp or the Youth Peace Service—of shorter duration than the entire summer and more local in nature, in order to accommodate the desires of young people who cannot give the entire summer but who would like to give two or more weeks of their time and energy in the same manner and spirit as that required for the Camps and the Peace Service.

Attention should also be called to the Institute of International Relations conducted by the Committee at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., June 30 to July 9, 1939. Here training in the theory and practice of peace is carried on as one of the nine (9) similar Institutes available for Friends across the country.

#### PENN-CRAFT.

We wish also to call attention to the growing community of Penn-Craft in Western Pennsylvania, near Uniontown. There are fifty families of coal miners who are building their own houses and, with the leadership of representatives from the Service Committee, are gradually creating a free community of their own. This is a small undertaking, but it is thought of as a pattern for the development of part-time employment on the land and in industry, with an emphasis on the development of community life. This may have wide-reaching significance in the structure of our society of the future, and we encourage visits to this community whenever possible.

During the past year the dramatic quality of some features of our work has greatly extended knowledge about and interest in the work of the Service Committee and of the Society of Friends. We are deeply under the concern that we shall use this opportunity to interpret

to the world the spiritual ideals that lie behind our service. One of the most impressive experiences of the past year has been the offers of volunteer service by agencies and by scores of individuals who wish to express their religion in deeds. Mostly we cannot use these volunteers. They can only be encouraged to live and work in the same spirit, either with other agencies or as individuals. The Society of Friends, however, is placed under an increasing burden of responsibility to live its entire life on a high plane of spiritual expectation, as we are now portrayed so often before an expectant world as a group of religious persons with a message of unusual significance for today.

#### FINANCES.

During the past year, the general budget of the Service Committee was \$83,026.75. This amount was raised and expended, save for a balance of \$3,144.36. Special projects, including refugee service, work in Spain, the building of the Penn-Craft community, Peace Institutes, Youth Peace Service, Work Camps, and other projects, for which specific contributions have been made, bring the total cash expenditures of the Service Committee for 1938 to \$345,118.30 which, together with gifts in kind amounting to \$338,264.97, brings the total for 1938 to \$683,383.27. Friends gave about two-thirds of the general budget and about ten per cent. of the total amount administered by the Service Committee.

We have used during the year nearly four hundred people in the work of the Service Committee for the year 1938.

With this report of stewardship, the Service Committee bespeaks the continued interest and support of this Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the American Friends Service Committee,

(Signed) CLARENCE E. PICKETT,  
*Executive Secretary,*

## **Report of Yearly Meeting Committee on Arrangements.**

*To the Yearly Meeting:*

The Committee on Arrangements has given attention to the usual matters requiring its care in preparation for Yearly Meeting. The results of its action are embodied in the printed Yearly Meeting program, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The two subjects of chief importance with which the Committee dealt were: (1) arrangements for the Joint Business Session of the two Yearly Meetings; and (2) the program for the evening meetings under the auspices of various Committees. The Joint Business Session has been planned in accordance with the authorizations of the Yearly Meeting at its 1938 sessions (Minutes 8 and 29), and the plan has received the approval of the Representative Meeting.

In arranging the program for the evening meetings, the Committee was confronted, as usual, with the fact that there are more organizations which would like to have a place on the program than there are available evenings. It is also the case that certain meetings have become firmly established by past practice.

The Committee desires to do justice to the various interests concerned, and to plan programs which will be as satisfactory as possible to the Yearly Meeting as a whole. The situation calls for wise and fair planning through more than one year, and for understanding and some patience on the part of the different Yearly Meeting organizations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) C. WILFRED CONARD,  
*Chairman.*

Third Month 22, 1939,

## The Account of

### JONATHAN M. STEERE, TREASURER OF PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

For Twelve Months Ended Third Month 15, 1939.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balances, Third Month 15, 1938, in hands of Treasurer:

Uninvested Principal, Charleston Trust.....\$ 77.87

#### Income:

General Account.....	4,853.69
Anna Cresson Fund.....	4,630.92
Book Committee.....	3,552.39
Trust Funds.....	5,761.56

            
\$18,876.43

Less the following overdrafts:

Care of Records.....	\$80.66
Mary W. Trimble Fund.....	5.79

            
86.45

            
\$18,789.98

In hands of Secretary of Yearly Meeting..... 2,000.00

            
\$20,789.98

Quotas from Quarterly Meetings.....	20,800.00
Income from Anna Cresson Fund.....	2,648.98
Income from Sarah Zane Fund.....	14.52
General Account, amount transferred from Anna Cresson Fund, as directed by Yearly Meeting, 1938.....	3,000.00

Contributions for the following purposes:—

Toward cost of reporting Yearly Meeting.....	10.00
Committee on Church Unity.....	50.00
Cost of Tablet for Japanese Print.....	3.85

Secretary's Office:

Appropriation from General Funds, as di- rected by Yearly Meeting 1938.....	\$ 5,250.00
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Office Petty Cash Account.....	\$ 4.54	
Sale of Typewriter.....	12.50	
Reimbursement for Telephone services.....	5.53	
Sundry miscellaneous receipts.....	155.65	
Materials supplied and services rendered for Committees and others.....	28.47	
Special contributions to certain Year- ly Meeting Committees, received through Representative Meeting..	\$650.00	
Temporary Loan.....	150.00	
	<hr/>	800.00
		<hr/> \$ 6,256.69

## Care of Records:

Appropriation of the two City Monthly Meetings out of the Funds in the care of the Committee of Six.....	\$ 450.00	
Appropriation from General Funds, as di- rected by Yearly Meeting 1938.....	800.00	
	<hr/>	1,250.00

Transactions of the Book Committee, includ-  
ing operation of the Book Store:

Appropriation from General Funds, as di- rected by Yearly Meeting 1938.....	\$ 500.00	
From Tract Association of Friends, propor- tionate share of expenses and services of Agent at Book Store.....	420.00	
Sale of Pennsbury Series.....	52.50	
Sale of Approved Books.....	252.98	
Sale of other Books.....	4,368.11	
Miscellaneous Sales.....	896.58	
On account of Cash in hands of Manager of Book Store, reducing balance to \$1,500..	420.01	

Income from the following Trust Funds for the  
publication of Friends' Writings under  
direction of the Book Committee:

Jesse George.....	243.50
Edward C. Jones.....	47.50
Mary A. Lloyd.....	23.74

Anna Oleson .....	\$ 42.74
Hannah Sansom .....	426.54
William P. Townsend .....	6.69
	<u>\$ 7,700.89</u>

Less the following deficits in Income:

Ruth A. Cope Fund .....	\$51.70
Elisha Roberts Fund .....	6.19
	<u>57.89</u>

\$ 7,643.00

Income from the following Trust Funds for

Special Purposes:

Mary W. Trimble Fund .....	\$ 14.24
Charleston Fund .....	331.44
Pemberton Fund .....	1,427.94
Marshall and Johnson Fund .....	117.34
Samuel P. Bartlett Fund .....	85.50
Y. M. C. A. Fund for Tuckerton Meeting ..	16.80
Charles L. Willits Fund .....	442.06
Samuel S. Thompson Fund .....	13.06

2,448.38

General Funds, interest on Time Account .....

52.37

\$64,967.77

#### PAYMENTS.

Appropriations made by Yearly Meeting, 1938:

Westtown Committee .....	\$ 2,800.00
Educational Committee .....	5,000.00
Indian Committee .....	3,800.00
Peace Committee .....	1,100.00
Council on Education .....	400.00
Young Friends Committee .....	800.00
Religious Education Committee .....	800.00
Social Order Committee .....	500.00
Race Relations Committee .....	400.00

\$15,600.00

The following Appropriations, also made by the Yearly Meeting have been transferred from General Funds to the respective Accounts, as per contra:

Secretary's Office .....	\$ 5,250.00
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Book Store.....	\$ 500.00	
Care of Records.....	800.00	
		<hr/> \$ 6,550.00
Anna Cresson Fund, transferred to General Account, as directed by Yearly Meeting, 1938.....		3,000.00
Rent of 302 Arch Street and use of Committee Rooms and Meeting House by Yearly Meeting, Representative Meeting and the Committees thereof.....		1,000.00
Tablet for Japanese Print.....		3.83
The following as directed by the Representative Meeting:		
Women's Department, Pennsylvania Council of Churches.....		10.00
Pennsylvania Council of Churches.....		50.00
Christian Unity Fund of World Conference on Faith and Order.....		100.00
Reporting Yearly Meeting Sessions.....		50.00
Expenses of Yearly Meeting Lunch Committee.....		30.00
Printing:		
Proceedings of Yearly Meeting and other printing....		728.96
Clerical and Miscellaneous Expenses.....		20.00
Care of Records at 302 Arch Street.....		1,200.00
Transactions of the Book Committee, including operation of the Book Store:		
Publications authorized by the Book Com- mittee.....	\$ 1,621.89	
Publications distributed free by the Book Store on instructions of the Book Com- mittee.....		628.67
Books purchased for re-sale.....		2,918.66
Merchandise.....		188.87
Salaries.....		2,562.50
Office Supplies, Insurance, etc.....		683.09
		<hr/> 8,603.68
Secretary's Office:		
Salaries.....	\$ 4,141.00	
Rent.....		420.00

Office Supplies, Telephone, Postage, Insurance, etc.....	\$ 624.01
Subscriptions to Friends' Magazines.....	10.25
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	11.16
Special contributions received through Representative Meeting..	\$650.00
Loan repaid.....	150.00
Sundry expenses.....	188.94

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 988.94

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 \$ 6,195.36

#### Charleston Fund:

Grants for improvements and repairs to Meeting Houses.....	\$ 400.00
Postage.....	4.00

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 404.00

Pemberton Fund, Traveling Expenses of Friends.....	729.86
Treasurer of Indian Committee, Income from Marshall and Johnson Fund.....	117.34
Samuel P. Bartlett Fund, for care of Little Egg Harbor Meeting House Property.....	100.00
Mary W. Trimble Fund, Income transferred to principal to amortize premium paid on investments.....	12.81

#### Charles Willits Trust, Publishing and distributing "The Friendly Messenger":

Southern States.....	\$ 211.11
Liberia.....	220.73

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 431.84

#### Balances in hands of Treasurer Third Month 15, 1938:

Principal, Charleston Fund.....	\$ 77.87
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#### Income:

General Account.....	4,967.87
Anna Cresson Fund.....	4,279.90
Book Committee.....	1,748.50
Trust Funds.....	7,255.87

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 \$18,330.01

Less the following overdrafts:

Mary W. Trimble Fund.....	\$ 4.36	
Care of Records.....	30.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 35.02
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		\$18,294.99
In hands of Secretary of Yearly Meeting.....	\$ 235.10	
In hands of Treasurer, Book Committee for Operation of Book Store	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	1,735.10
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		\$20,030.09
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		\$64,967.77

## Summary of Treasurer's Account.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance as per Account of Third Month 15, 1938.....	\$20,789.98
Quotas from Quarterly Meetings.....	20,800.00
Income from Anna Cresson Fund and Sarah Zane Fund.....	2,663.50
Transferred from Anna Cresson Fund, as directed by the Yearly Meeting.....	3,000.00
Secretary's Office—appropriation and receipts.....	6,256.69
Care of Records—appropriation of Yearly Meeting and Committee of Six.....	1,250.00
Book Committee—appropriation and sales.....	7,643.00
Income from Trust Funds.....	2,448.38
Special Contributions.....	63.85
Interest on deposits.....	52.37
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	\$64,967.77

### PAYMENTS.

Appropriations to Committees.....	\$15,600.00
Appropriations to Secretary's Office, Book Store, etc.....	6,550.00
Transferred from Anna Cresson Fund, as per Contra.....	3,000.00
Rent of 302 Arch Street and for use of Fourth and Arch Streets Property.....	1,000.00

Care of Records, 302 Arch Street.....	\$ 1,200.00
Secretary's Office.....	6,195.36
Transactions of the Book Committee and operation of the Book Store.....	8,603.68
Printing and clerical expenses.....	748.96
Charleston Fund for Meeting Houses.....	404.00
Pemberton Fund for traveling expenses.....	729.86
Indian Committee, Marshall and Johnson Funds.....	117.34
As directed by Representative Meeting.....	240.00
Charles Willits' Trust for "The Friendly Messenger"...	431.84
Samuel P. Bartlett Fund.....	100.00
Incidentals.....	16.64
Balances Third Month 15, 1939.....	20,030.09
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	\$64,967.77

## Report of the Auditing Committee.

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

We have examined the Accounts of Jonathan M. Steere, Treasurer, for twelve months ending Third Month 15, 1939.

Vouchers or canceled checks in his possession correspond with the charges in the several Accounts.

The total balance as of Third Month 15, 1939, was \$20,030.09. Of this amount \$235.10 was in the hands of the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, \$1,500 in the hands of the Manager of the Book Store, as working balances, and \$18,294.99 was on deposit with Girard Trust Company and represented balances as follows:—

Uninvested Principal, Charleston Trust.....\$ 77.87

### Income:

General Account.....	4,967.87
Anna Cresson Fund.....	4,279.90
Book Committee.....	1,748.50
Trust Funds.....	7,255.87

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\$18,330.01

Less the following overdrafts:

Care of Records.....	\$30.66	
Mary W. Trimble Fund.....	4.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 35.02
		<hr/>
		\$18,294.99
In hands of Secretary of Yearly Meeting.....		235.10
In hands of Manager of Book Store.....		1,500.00
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		\$20,030.09

We have examined the securities belonging to the Charleston Trust now in the hands of the Provident Trust Company, as Agent, and have found them to agree with the list submitted to us, which we verified by comparing it with the list audited one year ago. Inasmuch as all of the securities belonging to the Yearly Meeting, except those of the Charleston Trust, are now in the care of the Friends' Fiduciary Corporation, and since the securities have been audited by duly appointed Auditors of that Corporation, as will appear in its Report to the Yearly Meeting, it has seemed unnecessary for the present Auditors to again examine the securities. We have therefore examined only the securities of the Charleston Fund which are still in the care of the individual Trustees.

(Signed) PAUL W. BROWN, JR.,  
 " JESSE SHARPLESS.

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## **Report of the Committee on Audit and Budget.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

By Minute No. 67 adopted in 1938 the Yearly Meeting asked the Representative Meeting and the Budget Committee "to review the broader question of the financial support of the various committees responsible to this Meeting." This matter has received the careful attention of the Representative Meeting, and a committee of that body invited several members of the Audit and Budget Committee to join with them in working on this problem. In view of this participation the Audit and

Budget Committee has not made any independent study of the matter, beyond considering the more immediate needs of the various committees.

We recommend that \$23,350 be appropriated for 1939 as follows:

#### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1939.

##### *Operating Expenses:*

Secretary's Office.....	\$5,250
Book Store (Estimated Deficit).....	500
Rent.....	1,000
Printing.....	650
Care of Records at 304 Arch Street.....	750
	<hr/> \$ 8,150

##### *Committee Appropriations:*

Committee on Education.....	\$5,000
Council on Education.....	400
Religious Education Committee.....	800
Westtown School Committee.....	2,800
Young Friends Movement.....	1,000
Indian Committee.....	2,800
Peace Committee.....	1,100
Committee on Race Relations.....	400
Social Order Committee.....	400
Mission Board.....	400
Marriage Council.....	50
Committee on Church Unity.....	50
	<hr/> \$15,200
	<hr/> \$23,350

We suggest that the \$23,350 be obtained by using \$2,550 from the income of the Anna Cresson Fund, and by asking the Quarterly Meetings to raise \$20,800, which is the same amount asked of them last year. As in previous years the Quarterly Meetings might be asked to forward their respective quotas to the Treasurer of

the Yearly Meeting either in full by Ninth Month 30th, or one-half by Sixth Month 30th and the remainder by Twelfth Month 31st.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) HORACE M. BURTON,

*Chairman.*

Third Month 1, 1939.

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## **Report of Yearly Meeting Committee on Church Unity.**

*To the Yearly Meeting:*

Our Yearly Meeting had no member abroad this year to represent us on the Continuation Committee of the Faith and Order Movement. Attention has been largely taken up by the steady development of the plans for the World Council of Churches. In Fifth Month the so-called Constitutional Convention was held in Utrecht, Holland, and was attended by our Friend, Dean Elbert Russell, of Duke University, N. C., who, as will be remembered, represented not only the Friends of America, but also the Mennonites, Moravians, Dunkards, and Schwenkfelders. This Convention produced a Constitution for the World Council, which was then distributed generally to all churches. Your Committee has had it in hand, and has given it careful examination and discussion. It is short and simple in character, and appears to have few points requiring critical consideration by the Yearly Meeting. (Copies may be had at the desk, for those who may wish to examine it for themselves.) In the Eleventh Month the official invitation to join the World Council was received; and again careful consideration of the proposal was given by your Committee. It was thought best also to obtain the judgment of the Representative Meeting, which discussed it at three regular meetings and then more fully at a special meeting, as appears in their minutes.

It should be carefully noted by the Yearly Meeting that to join this Council is not to attain the Unity we have so long had placed before us. Membership in the Council would not take us very far toward that "Organic" Unity. The Council is more like a Federation of separate autonomous Churches than a union of Churches. It is wholly consultative; and is indeed not unlike the World Consultative Committee of Friends, which is already formed and in operation.

On this subject we would call the attention of the Yearly Meeting to Article IV of the Constitution which provides that "The World Council shall not legislate for the Churches;" nor shall it act for them except "in such matters as one or more of them may commit to it." The sole responsibility of the Yearly Meeting will be to send a delegate to the Assembly of 450 which meets once every five years and elects from its members a Central Committee of 90 which meets every year.

Your Committee therefore recommends the acceptance of this invitation, with adoption of the Constitution to that end. It is evident that if this relation to the Council does not prove satisfactory the Society of Friends can withdraw from it.

We suggest to the Yearly Meeting that if the invitation is accepted, our letter of acceptance should contain the following statement:—

In accepting the doctrinal basis of membership in the World Council of Churches as stated in Article I of its Constitution we wish it to be understood that we do not thereby accept it as a fixed dogma; for we believe that the living truths of religion cannot rightly be embodied in a form of words. The faith of the Society of Friends is based primarily on the continuing revelations of the Spirit of Truth in our hearts and on the Holy Scriptures as interpreted by the same Spirit.

"The Society of Friends has no formal statement of faith, because God is continually disclosing to

men fresh aspects of His Truth as they are able to receive them.”\* The individual, as well as the group, “*grows* in grace and in the knowledge of” God, and should therefore not be bound by a creed at any point in the course of his growth.

We believe also that any statement, such as the phrase offered as a Basis of the movement for Church Unity, regarding the unique divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, should be balanced and completed by a clear statement of his perfect humanity, since he was “in all things made like unto his brethren.”

The phrase, “Jesus Christ as God and Saviour” is interpreted by us in such Scriptural language as, for instance, “The Word was made flesh”; “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself”; and “In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

For the Committee,

(Signed) ALFRED C. GARRETT,  
*Chairman.*

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## **Report of the Committee on Education.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

In addition to the regular routine, the work of the Committee on Education during the past year has largely centered around a survey of the attitude of parents in the Yearly Meeting toward Quaker education, and a survey of the work of the Committee itself, in the opinion of local school committees and of the teaching staffs of the six schools. The results of these two questionnaires have been published in *The Friend* for Third Month 9, 1939. Copies of this article are available for those interested. A detailed financial statement is appended. Briefly it shows that, for the school year 1938-1939, the total receipts have been \$5095 and the total

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\*“Convictions,” p. 23.

estimated expenditures will be \$5103, leaving a balance of \$8.00 less than at the beginning of the year. The usual data concerning the schools is omitted from this report since there is an exhibit of the work of the six schools in this building, which all members of the Yearly Meeting are urged to examine.

Your Committee has arrived at a crossroads where clear direction for future progress is essential. It has, therefore, resolved to place its dilemma before the Yearly Meeting in a quest for counsel and assistance. Since the Committee believes that unproductive or inefficient machinery is not an asset but a liability, it has been asking itself what it actually accomplishes, whether in the light of present day conditions its services should be expanded, modified or even discontinued. The final decision in regard to such questions is the prerogative of the Yearly Meeting, which created and has sustained it by an annual appropriation that is a substantial part of the Yearly Meeting's budget.

In reviewing the history of the Committee on Education, we find it was first appointed by the Yearly Meeting in 1875, and according to the original minutes, was to oversee the smaller Friends' schools, assist them in every way possible, and, within the limits of a modest appropriation, grant financial aid where advisable. There seems to have been a "felt need" for some supervisory body to equalize and advance the educational opportunity offered by these institutions, which in 1892 had 324 pupils in seventeen schools.

In 1893 the Committee, sensing the need of constant, planned supervision, appointed an experienced teacher, Anna Walton, to visit the schools and to help the teachers with their problems. It is interesting to note that, near the same time, the Race Street Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, embarked on a similar program, by selecting Jane Rushmore as its supervisory representative. As Anna Walton, in her 26 years of service for the elementary schools, conscientiously performed one of the major duties of a supervisor, that of inspiring

and guiding those under her supervision to keep themselves up-to-date in their work, she effectively demonstrated the need of a co-ordinating agency for these scattered units. In her own words, she was a "carrier from one school to another," which means she was a unifying, stimulating force that aided in developing efficiency and *esprit-de-corps*. Four supervisors in succession have been employed since her resignation in 1919.

Thus, for nearly half a century, the Committee on Education has continued to provide the services of a trained supervisor for the schools under its care. Advancement in the field of education has changed her specific duties, but in the eyes of the Yearly Meeting and its Committee, her functions are the same. A major portion of the appropriation provided annually by the Yearly Meeting has been devoted to this service, because it has been regarded, especially by the school principals, as the most important contribution which the Committee could make in the discharge of its responsibility.

The suggestion that no Committee should be entirely financed by the Yearly Meeting, but that each should raise a part of its own budget, is being considered. Perhaps this plan would produce the necessary funds, but to the Committee on Education it appears unlikely. Educational work requires a guaranteed budget before plans for the coming school year can be made, because contracts for office space, salaries and supplies, necessarily given in advance, cannot honorably be cancelled. Financial uncertainty would weaken efficiency and make the future of the schools even less stable than at present. Do Friends wish this to happen?

This Committee views with apprehension the struggle for survival of several of the schools under its care. In such restless times as these, the way out is hard to find. On more than one occasion it has been proposed that the best thing the Committee could do would be to discontinue entirely its various services, and merely apportion the annual appropriation among the schools.

Should this policy be adopted, it would seem necessary to have some experienced, impartial person to determine whether wise use is made of the funds allocated. Even if the usual appropriation of \$5000 were continued, and the whole amount distributed, the share to each school would not be sufficiently increased to make up present inadequacies.

Throughout our history, we have maintained the position that it was the duty of parents to secure for their children the best possible Christian education, preferably under Friendly auspices, and that necessary financial aid should be provided. Friends' schools should be outposts of Quakerism, modern broadcasting stations that disseminate Friendly ideals beyond our restricted boundaries. Once maintained for members only, our schools are now open to all, but they have retained most of their early virtues, at least in the opinion of many non-members. For a number of years, one elementary school with not more than one or two pupils whose parents are Friends, has continued to be a strong and virile institution. The meeting which maintains it regards its welfare as a real concern, and as their Christian service to the community. Recently from its ranks have come several new members to that meeting.

May not Friends' schools, small though they are in the total educational system, because they are unhampered by large classes, political codes and attitudes which prohibit religious education, be numbered among the factors vital for the development of independent thinking and the strengthening of Christian ideals? The Committee is confident that the Society of Friends does have something of value for the world now and in the future. It is also confident that our educational work is no small part of the contribution. Friends' schools have a unique and enviable distinction in the field of character education. Taken as a whole, they set a standard, in this respect, toward which other educational systems are aiming.

The Committee on Education would ask this Yearly

Meeting to consider seriously the value of its smaller schools, both in themselves and as feeders for our larger day schools and for Westtown. In the past some of them have been laid down, re-opened and laid down again, as conditions warranted, but always there has been the concern that a Quaker education should be provided for Friends' children. Do we not need a re-awakening of our ancient zeal for education? Instead of complacently watching the survivors expire, may it be true that we should not only strengthen the schools we already have, but consider whether others should be opened? Is there a greater agency for revitalizing our Society than the education of children in situations which reflect our ideals? No group can rise higher than its source, and if the spiritual source is not continually replenished, accomplishment becomes arid and loses its power. To illustrate: the mighty oak of the American Friends Service Committee is, after all, but the product of Quakerism, not Quakerism itself, and if its roots, sunk deep in the fundamental truths of our Society, lack spiritual moisture, that tree, worthy as it is, will not continue to flourish. Is not the same energy, which so splendidly supports the work of the Service Committee, also available for maintaining Quaker education, whose work, while not so spectacular and offering little material for editors, is nevertheless a spring which replenishes our spiritual force? The answer to this question is the answer to the problem not only of six small schools, but of Quaker education everywhere. Should not this Yearly Meeting begin a vigorous replacement and repair of its educational fences?

The past year has witnessed an increase in the activity of the Committee on Education, because of the realization that something must be done soon, or there will be nothing to do. If it is to carry on, it asks for the continuance of the \$5000 granted last year and earnestly desires that thought be taken as to whether these small schools, the last of an honorable line, are one by one to close their doors. Thousands of dollars for the children

of Europe—do ours merit less consideration? Enthusiasm for bettering the social order—how about the salaries of our teachers which disgrace our ideals of social justice? The local communities have faced their difficulties with splendid courage, but they can do little more than they are now doing. To pilot Friends' schools through these difficult years is a task that should challenge the membership of the Yearly Meeting as a whole, to become a fountain head of inspiration and support, which would yield not the meagre drops of an exhausted supply, but would well freely, a not insignificant stream, into the channel of Quaker education.

For the Committee on Education,

(Signed) ESTHER LINTON DUKE,  
*Chairman.*

“ ALICE M. S. KIRK,  
*Secretary.*

# ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

## *Receipts.*

Balance from last year, as of Ninth Month 1, 1938.....	\$ 542.28
Yearly Meeting Appropriation.....	5,000.00
Interest on Investment.....	45.00
Council on Education (Contribution for Office • Space and Expense).....	50.00
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	\$5,637.28

## *Expenditures.*

For Services of Supervisor, Office Expense and Space, Travel Expense and Teachers' Retirement Fund.....	\$3,948.30
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Salary and Expenses of Special Teachers....	\$ 800.00
Summer School Expenses of Teachers.....	150.00
Contribution to General Educational Meetings	90.00
Teachers' Meetings, School Visiting and Professional Books.....	115.00
Reserve Fund for Expenses prior to receipt of Yearly Meeting Appropriation for 1939-40..	533.98
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	\$5,637.28

Not included in the above is one \$1,000.00 P. R. R. Mortgage 4½ per cent. Bond, due 1965, now having a market value of approximately \$995.00.

On behalf of the Committee on Education,  
(Signed) HORACE D. WEBSTER,  
*Treasurer.*

October 28, 1938.

*To the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education:*

The Auditing Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and the Supervisor of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education met on Tenth Month 28, 1938, and fulfilled the appointment, finding the accounts to be correct.

A Pennsylvania Railroad Bond, 4½%, was in the possession of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's account showed a balance of \$31.32, which was refunded to the Treasurer on the 1937-38 Budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) HENRY V. GUMMERE,  
*Chairman.*

“ MARY N. BORTON,  
*Member of Committee.*

## **Report of Yearly Meeting Special Committee on Financial Condition of the Schools.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

The Special Committee to study financial needs of our schools has been unable to complete the work assigned to it. However, it is ready to report that, in its opinion, there is no overlapping in the communities served by day schools under the care of Arch Street Yearly Meeting or its subordinate meetings.

The financial situation in the elementary schools is more serious this year than at any previous time. Two of the schools have approximately the same enrollments as last year and are about balancing their budgets. The other four show a decrease in enrollments of from 17½ per cent. to 33 per cent. from last year, and all four are facing proportionately large operating deficits. In two of the schools this will mean a reduction in the teachers' salaries.

The Committee has not attempted to gather information about all Meeting funds available for educational purposes. It has felt that a request from the Yearly Meeting to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to co-operate with it in collecting such data should be incorporated in the minute of instructions. If the Yearly Meeting still wishes this information, the Committee requests the following: first, that it be continued for another year; second, that it be given a minute as suggested above; and third, that, inasmuch as M. Frances Barrett is now residing at a distance, she be released, and E. Newbold Cooper be appointed in her place.

(Signed) M. FRANCES BARRETT,  
 “ ESTHER LINTON DUKE,  
 “ CHARLES EVANS,  
 “ HAROLD EVANS,  
 “ M. ALBERT LINTON,  
 “ AGNES N. STOKES,

Third Month 8, 1939,

## **Report of Friends' Council on Education.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

It seems advisable at this time to review briefly the purposes sought by those who helped establish a Friends' Council on Education and to ask ourselves in reading the paragraphs of the report which follows whether or not those objectives are being realized.

The underlying principle of the formation of such an organization was to bring Friends' schools and colleges into a close unity of relationship and mutual understanding and to stress education which cultivates "the Light Within." The hope was and still is for the Council "to become the center of a vigor of life radiating through our educational system, impressing Friends everywhere with the opportunity open to us in our schools, promoting an understanding of our principles and ideals and encouraging and fostering efforts for improving the institutions that try to embody them." It was the wish of its founders that the Council should act as an integrating force in Quaker education in an advisory and consultative capacity.

During the nine years since its organization, the Council has employed a part-time executive secretary, who visited schools as much as the terms of his appointment permitted. It has established the system of apprentice teaching, held conferences on subjects of vital interest, published various pamphlets of importance, assisted in the distribution of a study outline on the duties and privileges of college and school Board members, and has made suggestions for definite education along the line of distinctive Quaker concerns.

Today we are deeply conscious that the time is ripe for a more active and further reaching service, which can be undertaken only with increased financial support. Plans are under consideration for extending the work of the Council just as soon as adequate funds can be secured. Funds from three Yearly Meetings and the General Conference, plus small contributions from the larger Friends'

schools and colleges, have been the chief sources of income. The Council feels that the appropriations of the two Philadelphia Yearly Meetings should be restored to the amounts allocated in former years and that Committees of Friends' schools should approve a substantial increase of the small annual contributions hitherto made.

From the beginning, the Council has been much interested in the training and placement of teachers. Friends' schools constantly report that they need teachers who see education in broad spiritual terms, who are prepared to express "the Light" in their work and to inspire youth by their force of character and high devotion. In order to facilitate the finding of positions for such Friends, the Council has established a part-time office at 20 S. Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, with Edna Vansant in charge. Candidates for internships and teaching positions will register there. Personal data and recommendations for successful internes will be kept on file for the use of headmasters and principals when seeking new teachers.

In 1937-38 there were 29 internes, 18 (62 per cent.) of whom secured paying positions the following year. Several of these continued in the same school in which they were internes. In the current year, 1938-39, there are 46 internes in the schools. Quaker Education should be appreciative of these young people who are willing to take a year for training. In spite of the advantages to them, it is more than likely that they render to their respective schools in energy, enthusiasm and the assumption of responsibilities, much more than they receive by way of recompense.

Concern is expressed for the proper attention of Friends to the public schools, especially in those communities where the opportunity for education in Friends' schools is limited. Cannot Friend teachers on faculties in the public schools be of distinct service as ambassadors of the Quaker testimonies and the Quaker Way

of Life? Friends have a real opportunity to act in nourishing the religious life of the schools.

John A. Lester has called the attention of the Council to the need for a greater corporate unity of teachers in Friends' schools, and urged the representation of teachers on the Council. "If Quaker schools hold an essential something which our national education needs—and that is true—then it follows that teachers in Friends' schools should have, like their brothers and sisters in England, an association of their own to promote the acceptance of that essential, and to consult together about ways to make it effective." The teachers need "the corporate sense of the professional status which should attach to teaching in Friends' schools." Although Headmasters represent their faculties "with justice and sympathy" what "needs to be represented—is the corporate sense of the professional status of Quaker teachers." We need this representation on the Council, too, "for the solution of some of the problems which the Council must consider; such as professional training, interschool co-operation, tenure, etc."

A unanimous feeling of appreciation is expressed by the Council for the contribution that John A. Lester has made to our work. His high ideals for Quaker education have been a great inspiration to this organization. His interest and co-operation have done much to bind our schools together in mutual understanding and in unity of objective. Although he no longer finds it possible to act as executive secretary of the Council, he continues his membership with us, and we depend much on his advice and support.

During the summer the Council published a pamphlet entitled *The Ideals and Objectives of Quaker Education*, by John A. Lester. It was the product of the continued thoughtful concern of many members who felt that the time had come for such a publication for the information of Friends and others interested in our schools and colleges. The pamphlet, one edition with a directory of Friends' schools in the east, and another edition with-

out the directory, was widely used. Five thousand seven hundred and eight copies of the seven thousand printed were mailed to the schools, who in turn circularized their parents, Friend and non-Friend alike.

The following questions were asked by John Lester in the pamphlet. "To what end do Quakers go on maintaining schools and colleges in which three-quarters of the students are not Friends? In what respect is it proper to call such institutions *Friends' Schools*? Is not the enlarging sweep and scope of free public education removing their reason for existing? If not, into what form and stature are they to grow; what specific contributions have they to make to the common good?" In order to answer these questions, John Lester asks three more: "first, what are the central motivating ideals of Quakerism; second, how may these ideals become operative in the organized education of the young; third, have schools which make them basic a contribution to offer to national education?" "The heart of Quakerism is to be found in a way of living activated by the common purpose of achieving a human society based on good-will and friendliness. *Right* is that which serves this purpose, wrong is that which obstructs it." In the power which is felt to be working when one waits in silence "is found both the well-spring of the individual good life and the revelation of how to promote it in the world." "These aims which spring directly and necessarily from the spirit of the society which created them" are: "First and foremost the Quaker school is concerned with the quality of the life and personality of all the teachers and employees engaged by the school. . . . The second concern . . . is to respect the individual, not primarily as one who possesses rights, but primarily as one in whom resides a portion of this light and power. . . . A third concern . . . is the practice of democratic procedures. . . . A fourth concern of the Quaker school is that this spirit of friendly collaboration and unity shall permeate the interaction of the six elements which constitute the smooth running school or college, namely,

trustees . . . the administration, the faculty, the parents, the students and the alumni. . . . Finally there is the concern of the Quaker school to discover the means by which children of various age levels may experience a power outside themselves which makes for righteousness." "Quakers have confidence that there is a place in the national scheme for schools which put first among their aims the creation of a climate or atmosphere conducive to the growth in young people of the purpose to expend their lives in the pursuit not of 'success,' but of happiness in the service of others. . . . There are traditional elements in this atmosphere of the Quaker school . . . a transparent honesty in word and act, a simplicity of living . . . and a wide freedom from the bonds of conventional thought." Quaker education goes further than even the most admirable efforts of some of the country's secondary schools. "It would seek to develop not merely the understanding of a problem, but the purpose which will use the understanding as a tool to work with. . . . The Quaker school has a place in the national scheme of education, because what young people want are conditions favorable for the development of those desires and purposes which are fundamental."

For the Friends' Council on Education,

(Signed) HAROLD E. B. SPEIGHT,

*Chairman.*

" HADASSAH MOORE LEEDS,

*Secretary.*

### **Report on Educational Statistics.**

#### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

Pursuant to the request of the Yearly Meeting at its sessions in 1938, the Representative Meeting, at its session in Tenth Month, 1938, adopted new forms for the use of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in reporting Educational Statistics. Two forms are now

used, one covering children, that is, young people between the ages of five and twenty, inclusive, who are members of the Yearly Meeting; the other covering non-member children, one or both of whose parents are members of this Yearly Meeting. The statistics for these two groups, compiled from the reports of the Quarterly Meetings as of First Month 1, 1939, are as follows:—

### STATISTICS RE MEMBER CHILDREN

(As of First Month 1, 1939.)

Whole number of members between the ages of 5 and 20, inclusive.....	830
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In schools under care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings.....	161
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At Westtown School.....	103
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In other schools under care of Friends.....	57
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In colleges under care of Friends (A).....	36
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Total number in schools and colleges under care of Friends.....	357
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Number in Public Schools.....	268
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In other schools not under care of Friends.....	65
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In colleges not under care of Friends (B).....	88
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Total in schools and colleges not under care of Friends.....	421
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Number neither in school nor college.....	46
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Number about whom no information has been ob- tained.....	6
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Whole number of children as above.....	830
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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Young men and women over 20 in colleges or tech- nical schools (C).....	105
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Total of all ages attending colleges or technical schools (A plus B plus C).....	229
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## STATISTICS RE NON-MEMBER CHILDREN

(As of First Month 1, 1939.)

Whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 20, inclusive.....	572
In schools under care of Monthly or Preparative Meetings.....	42
At Westtown School.....	17
In other schools under care of Friends.....	26
In colleges under care of Friends (A).....	5
Total number in schools and colleges under care of Friends.....	90
Number in Public Schools.....	327
In other schools not under care of Friends.....	68
In colleges not under care of Friends (B).....	41
Total in schools and colleges not under care of Friends.....	436
Number neither in school nor college.....	16
Number about whom no information has been ob- tained.....	30
Whole number of children as above.....	572

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Young men and women over 20 in colleges or tech- nical schools (C).....	19
Total of all ages attending colleges or technical schools (A plus B plus C).....	65

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EDWARD W. EVANS,

*Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Third Month 20, 1939.

## **Report of Yearly Meeting Committee on Epistles.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

At its last session, the Yearly Meeting requested the Committee on Epistles, in addition to its usual work of reviewing the incoming Epistles, to consider possible changes in the procedure of handling the Epistles with a view to a wider sharing and more prompt consideration of them during the year.

After considering this matter, the Committee has reached the conclusion that the present practise is the most satisfactory arrangement that can be feasibly worked out. It suggests that a step towards meeting the concern would be to call the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the fact that any member who has a special interest in the Epistle of any particular Yearly Meeting may secure an opportunity to read it by calling at the office of the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, or by applying in writing for a copy of it.

The Committee submits the following review of the Epistles, which have been received during the year, since our last Yearly Meeting.

During the past year, thirty-four epistles from meetings located in fourteen different countries throughout the world have been received by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting echoes the common note of appreciation of the service which these epistles render: "We have listened with grateful hearts to the reading of the Epistles from various Yearly Meetings. We have an Arabic proverb which says, 'Glad tidings from afar strengthen the bones.' So words of cheer from other members of the great Family of the Heavenly Father have rejoiced our souls and given us new vigor to continue our work."

There are many references in the epistles to the world-situation in which we stand. Thus Kansas Yearly Meeting writes: "Amid the danger and turmoil of the present hour, many strident and contradictory voices are raised, demanding our attention. Fear-crazed voices, hate-

filled voices, power-mad voices, seductive voices all seek to command, to dominate or to entice. The question of the hour is the same query that has confronted man from the moment of his creation; what voice shall we heed, what voice shall we follow?" Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Park Avenue) adds: "It has been brought home to us with increased insistence that our world has changed. The era of Christian civilization which appeared to be dawning twenty-five years ago has not come. Instead, the prospect darkens. But it is in such times of doubt that faith is tried, and we earnestly pray we may be strong to meet our obligations, able to render the service to which we are called, and willing to make the sacrifices necessary for the restoration of the spirit of good-will and co-operation in the world."

The Swedish Yearly Meeting gathered in the fateful September of 1938, concludes its epistle: "This time, so frighteningly dark, is also, so it seems to us, a time when man begins to understand that he cannot live without God. We felt during these days that we belonged to a wide circle of suffering and searching men and women. The certainty of living in a world where God exists in the darkness as in the light has given us consolation and happiness. We felt the need of getting deeper into this certainty and the wish to help others to know it. We felt in deep humility that our message is nothing, God's message is all."

The increasing racial oppression, the growing influence of the military, the economic insecurity of youth are all objects of attention.

In the face of this situation, the epistles call Friends to draw upon the resources open to them to meet these needs. The Pacific Coast Association of Friends appeals to the testimony of the Society on the matter of race: "Early in our deliberations we were conscious of a strong concern for the Christian treatment of an attitude towards the Orientals and those of other races living in our communities who are now being discriminated against. Friends' social testimony involves an attempt

on our part to ameliorate their lot whenever possible, by making individual as well as group contacts, which will lead to mutual understanding and friendship. We urge our members to disregard the economic and political aspects of the world scene in dealing with these groups, but to lend their aid, in local situations, on the basis of sharing the richness and significance of the cultural heritage of each. We do recognize that Friends must also work to correct the conditions that bring about the present economic and political crisis in the world."

Canada and Genesee, Nebraska, and Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Homewood) all join in emphasizing the Friends' testimony on peace and in regard to the state: "We feel that the long history of military struggles gives abundant evidence that questions are merely shelved, never solved by conflict. They are sure to come up again for solution when solution is more difficult. There are no terminal facilities along that line."

"A task of Quakerism is to maintain unwaveringly our historical position on peace. Recent pressures have led many to question or qualify the absolute position of condemning all wars,—some while still looking to Friends to hold fast to our testimony, which seems to them too difficult in their different situations. It is a part of our work to make known the fact that non-violent methods do work effectively; some 300 international disputes have reached lasting settlement in modern times by the peaceful methods of conference before instead of after taking up arms."

"Because of the threatening wave of militarism in our country, we are deeply concerned with the obligation which rests upon us as Friends in all our Yearly Meetings to help our young men and young women to meet the tests which may come to them in relation to military training and service in case of war. We believe that we, as Friends, should reaffirm our ancient testimony and conviction that we should obey God rather than man whatever the cost."

"In view of prevailing tendencies to make the State

supreme, we restate our conviction that we, as followers of Christ, are under the government of God but that we should also seek to be true citizens of the State of which we are a part insofar as it does not conflict with the will of God. We determine to support those agencies and movements which make for the peace of the world and for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind."

London Yearly Meeting invites others to the costly task of imaginatively experiencing our testimony that lays upon us the burden of those who are robbed of the conditions of a free life:

"Fellowship in the life eternal brings a sensitiveness to all wrong and oppression and a desire to identify ourselves with our fellows and to take our share of the burden of the world's suffering. How hard it is to put ourselves in other men's shoes! During our Yearly Meeting we have tried to realize something of what it means to be a refugee, an unemployed man, a prisoner, a juvenile offender. We have had brought before us the privation of the underpaid and underfed at home and abroad, the disabilities laid on people of other color and race, the failure of men to distribute equitably the abundant produce that the earth can supply. As followers of Jesus we are called to strive to remedy these injustices, not clinging to exclusive privileges for ourselves or for our nation, but remembering that the earth is the Lord's and that the fullness of it should be used for the well-being of all His children."

New England Yearly Meeting (Westerly) calls for the resource of a return to a more simple devotion: "In a search for the answers to this and other problems we have been so overwhelmed by their complexity that we tend to intellectualize them and thus depend only upon our own thought for their solution. Early Friends discovered a method by which a truer wisdom could be found. They appreciated the strength, the beauty and the energizing power of the spiritual life. May each one of us attune his spirit to that perception of spiritual things which alone makes possible a communion between himself and God."

Fritchley General Meeting of Friends speaks of the renewing power of the meeting for worship: "The worship of the Society of Friends is unique among methods of worship in that it does not seek to clothe itself in the habiliments of the past, or to derive incentive from externalized aids, but ideally rests on that experience expressed by Isaac Penington after much seeking and travail of soul: 'I have met with the Seed,' freshly, livingly, and progressively renewed with each passing Meeting and the passing years. Only as our individual lives and the life of our meetings are fed and renewed by this, shall we be able to meet the problems of today with a measure of true wisdom, or to help others to do the same."

London Yearly Meeting speaks of the value its meetings for worship have derived from following the plan of the World Conference and dividing into small groups for the service of worship:

"We have met once again at the Yearly Meeting to wait upon God that we may learn what is His will for us as a Society at this moment of time. As a means to this end we have departed from our custom of holding as one gathering our period for worship before the daily sessions, and instead have met for worship on successive days in a number of smaller groups. This more intimate fellowship has led us into a growing sense of our utter dependence on God."

"The value of these group meetings has been reflected in a richer manifestation of the tolerance that belongs to a spiritual democracy, and in a more frequent achievement of a common mind in our discussions. This experience has strengthened our desire that every member of the Society may know the power in our meetings for worship to increase our love and to give us courage in our service for God and man. This is a power in which all may share, however small and isolated our meetings may be. In worship we are linked together with our fellows and with the eternal source of our strength.

The Pacific Coast Association of Friends adds: "Our

attention has been called to the values in our meetings for worship as it embodies the various gifts of our members. Friends have two unique contributions to make to the religious life of the present day—the practice of waiting worship and non-professional or shared ministry. The wording of any individual expression in a meeting is not the essential thing, the spirit that prompts the utterance really matters, that it be sincere and from the heart. Indeed it sometimes happens that the very imperfection of an utterance is its strength. Through the spiritual communion of our shared silence we are able to attain an understanding not necessarily measured by the spoken word. We come to know “where words come from.”

Another resource that the Society has not proved wanting in nurturing in the past is the growth of responsible individuals within its ranks. Indiana Yearly Meeting writes: “We have taken encouragement, amid the large needs which confront us, that over a span of generations the small meetings and the families in small meetings have many times produced persons whom the world has needed. We would continue to produce persons whom the world needs if we could, and we have felt this as a primary goal to our program of Christian education.”

The resource of encouraging each other in our need through visiting and fellowship has been gratefully mentioned in several epistles. Wilmington Yearly Meeting writes: “For two weeks preceding Yearly Meeting, three Friends from Philadelphia met with small groups among us. Later another one of their groups enriched our Yearly Meeting sessions. They have brought to us a sense of fellowship which makes for the bond of unity and security which our Society may enjoy when all walk together in love.”

“The South African General Meeting sends Friendly Greetings and much appreciates your kind message of encouragement received by cable at our General Meeting in Port Elizabeth this Easter-time. Friends in South Africa are deeply indebted to Rufus and Elizabeth Jones for their loving service amongst us, and they will

long be remembered both by Friends and non-Friends alike for their powerful witness to the Quaker faith in word and action. Their presence here has inspired us with a renewed hope for the future of our beloved Society among the perplexing problems of South Africa."

The German Yearly Meeting referring to Thomas Kelly's *Richard Cary Lecture* given before them last August writes: "Out of the Richard Cary Lecture we would pass on to Friends these thoughts: In the dawning experience of the living Christ, the life and teachings, and especially the cross and the triumph of Jesus of Nazareth become unspeakably vivid and full of meaning. For in Him the Eternal has broken into the temporal, as never before in complete, in unlimited perfection. And the world of human sin and of human presumption stands sharp, clear, undisguised, in the blinding light of a revelation which makes clear the justice as well as the love of God."

A loving message has come from Ohio Yearly Meeting (Barnesville): "We earnestly desire for all including ourselves, that the light that lighteth all may be seen and followed, that through obedience thereto all may be led to the way of truth. With unfeigned love we are your friends."

The resource of seeing the spirit in which members of the Quaker family face suffering and testing may be felt in reading from the epistle of the Szechuan Yearly Meeting of China: "While we Christians have been trying to find the best way of fulfilling our duties as citizens at a time when our country is suffering the oppression of a powerful neighbor, we received a visit from a religious leader of world-wide repute, Dr. Stanley Jones, who literally flew to our assistance, like a very angel of God. While he was in Szechuan many Friends received valuable guidance from him. When we were discussing (in) our Yearly Meeting the attitude of Friends towards the Sino-Japanese conflict, Dr. Jones was frequently quoted. We found ourselves in full sympathy with his open letters to the people of Japan and to the Christians of England and America. We were particular-

ly impressed with a statement he made in the course of an address at Chungking to the effect that military resistance is not the highest method of resistance. The highest method is to overcome evil with good and we feel that apart from spiritual force there can be none other. This spiritual method requires that all spiritual-minded Friends throughout the world should seek the will of the Heavenly Father. The solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict must rest with God. All of us Christians throughout the world and especially all Friends, united in heart and mind, must pray unto God with one voice, seeking on the one hand to attain to the mind of our Father in Heaven and, on the other, to remove such disasters from among men and thus to make ready the way of peace. Next year will be the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the Society of Friends to Szechuan; we can but hope that in the course of this forty-ninth year justice may prevail on the earth and peace come to this land; then indeed shall we be able to rejoice in the fiftieth year. 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'"

The closing sentence of the German epistle reads: "The words of the letter to the church at Philadelphia became a call and a monition to us: 'Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no man can shut, that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name.' (Rev. iii: 8.)"

The epistles from Norway, Germany, India, New Zealand, Holland, Wilmington, North Carolina, New York (Five Years Meeting) and Indiana all speak of the encouraging response of their youth to the message of the Society and of their influence upon the meetings, "We are encouraged by our Young Friends who manifest a deepening in the principles and ideals of the Religious Society of Friends while the members of our Junior Yearly Meeting respond enthusiastically to their training for future leadership." (Wilmington). "Young Friends have come to us in larger numbers than ever this year, as if asking the way, and we have been cheered by their presence and courage. As one of them expressed

it: 'Should we not suffer now that *Eternal* truth may emerge?'" (N. Y.) "New inspiration has come to us from the lips of young people who have lived adventurously in the summer work camps of the American Friends Service Committee." (Indiana.) "Faithfulness to God and trust in God will save mankind. This conviction was clearly expressed by the school-children from Ommen Quaker School when they acted in two of the little plays of St. Francis of Assisi in which the deep thought, love and forgivingness therein expressed, greatly moved us." (Dutch Yearly Meeting.)

There is a moving call to personal dedication in the epistle of the French Yearly Meeting with which this summary may well close: "God needs no other advocates, He desires no other witnesses, than those whose way of life shows in all circumstances the primary importance of truth and justice, without which lasting peace is impossible; witnesses whose only weapon is that of love. The way of life based on individualism and force must be counteracted by a way of life filled with the spirit of the Kingdom of God, of which small companies, such as the Society of Friends, can be and ought to be, the standard-bearers. Today more than ever, mere talk is the great danger for the world, into which we all are liable to fall. Dear Friends, the cry which rises from suffering mankind urges us to pass from words to deeds, from the theory of the Gospel to its applications, and ought we not to consecrate ourselves afresh to practical expression, to ways of life which show forth the Spirit of the Master and our belief in the practical realization of the Kingdom of God? Is not the world eagerly awaiting, in its confusion, a revelation from the sons of God?"

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(Signed) JANET PAYNE WHITNEY (*Per D*)

*Chairman.*

## **Report of Yearly Meeting Extension Committee.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

This Committee originating eighteen years ago under a well matured concern for the spread of Christian fundamentals has during that period endeavored to be faithful to the task entrusted to it.

The holding of Meetings for Worship in many parts of the general Philadelphia area, and the printing and distribution of millions of Pennsbury Leaflets, and the arrangement for addresses of an expository nature, have constituted our main service.

During the past year, as for several previous years, our activity in distributing literature has been limited by lack of funds for printing, postage and clerical work. We still have Pennsbury Leaflets that are much appreciated, as shown by the continued demand for existing numbers. Our list is now composed of 42 titles. We have also distributed copies of "Woolman" leaflets (9 titles) published by the Book Committee. An extract of appreciation from one of many recipients of our leaflets states: "These leaflets convince me that this is really the religion the Master taught." No new Pennsbury Leaflet was issued during the year, though several were reprinted. The amount of distribution is dependent upon the contributions at our disposal. An audit, signed by Wm. Bacon Evans, indicated that the accounts of Samuel W. Jones, Treasurer, are correct, there being a balance of cash in his hands Third Month 1, 1939, of \$147.48. There are no other assets except printed leaflet material.

The service in which we have been most active, is the Appointed Meetings for Worship, most of which were held during the summer months in 36 different Meeting Houses, from one to seven Meetings in each house. They have been well attended and have been held to the satisfaction and profit of many. Those responsible for them often feel that this is a valuable and constructive work, with growing possibilities. They

are greatly helped when local Friends are faithful in visiting to solicit the personal interest of possible attenders. We need more of this kind of service. Some of our Committee members have done such advance work in order to stimulate the attendance on these occasions.

A comparatively new service has consisted of friendly and religious conferences with three other religious bodies in our area, the Mennonites, the Schwenkfelders, and the Church of the Brethren. Two such were held last year, one at the Indian Creek church of the Brethren, in Montgomery County, and one at the Norristown Schwenkfelder church. In both instances the afternoon session afforded opportunity for the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our expectations were fully justified and those in attendance have expressed lively satisfaction therein. A growing enthusiasm and friendliness has been noted in these conferences, which we believe should be encouraged. The continuation committee appointed by the Conference in Twelfth Month last is planning for the fifth meeting to be held in one of the Mennonite Churches during the coming summer. These groups have much in common with us, and they are all our special allies. This is a step in the right direction. We need to know them and to exchange with them our knowledge and experiences to the end that we may all do better work for the Kingdom wherever we are and whatever our opportunities. This work seems to us to be a mutual extension of Christian service.

The three-year period for which this Committee was appointed now expires. In reviewing the opportunities of the eighteen years the Committee has given considerable attention to self-examination, earnestly desiring to know whether to suggest to the Yearly Meeting the Committee's continuance. We are convinced that opportunities for religious labor exist and that for a concerned and efficient committee they should increase. It is perhaps appropriate that of late much of our effort has been in the line of Meetings for Worship. Other activities as undertaken in right ordering help, but must

not supplant, this vital experience. Worship is the center and source of religious life.

We are assured that there is in the Yearly Meeting a feeling that Christian fundamentals not only exist but that they are above all else worth studying and extending. Friends should be a conscious part of the worldwide Church of Christ. We believe that the work should be continued by a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) JAMES M. MOON,

Philadelphia, Third Month 14, 1939. *Chairman.*

### **Report of Friends Fiduciary Corporation.**

March 17, 1939.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,  
4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.:

In accordance with the usual practice of Friends Fiduciary Corporation, an audited copy of the Treasurer's Report is herewith submitted to the Yearly Meeting. This copy will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting for inspection by any interested member of the Yearly Meeting for several days.

During the past year, the functions of Friends Fiduciary Corporation have been carried on in the usual manner with frequent regular meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Finance Committee. The annual meeting of the Corporation was held on Third Month 14th at which time the Treasurer's Report was received and directors for the ensuing year were elected.

It would appear that Friends Fiduciary Corporation is performing a useful service to a large number of Friends' Meetings and other organizations affiliated with the Yearly Meetings. The Directors and Officers of the Corporation will welcome any other opportunities which may arise to render helpful service in the management of investments and holding real estate titles.

(Signed) EDWARD R. MOON,

*President.*

## **Report of Indian Committee.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

Work among Indians in Oklahoma continues in five communities, under direction of the Associated Executive Committee. This report can mention only some of the outstanding activities during the past year.

At Wyandotte, a small town with centralized public schools and a Government Indian Boarding School, Friends' Service has included First-day School in the village for about 125 Indian children and 25 Whites, First-day evening chapel hour at the Indian School, much visiting in the homes, a Boy Scout troop, a Lending Library, daily hot lunches served in the Meeting House basement to about 135 undernourished public school children, both Indians and Whites (food furnished by the State), temporary use for the school year of classrooms in our Meeting House by local public school classes during rebuilding of condemned schoolhouse; recreational evenings in the Meeting House basement, "parties" in the Mission home for Indian children from the Government School, 14 boys and girls each week, until all the 254 have been entertained.

At Hominy, a town of 3000, among Osage Indians, a somewhat similar program is carried on, but with Indians only. The Osages take pride in maintaining there what they call "Friends' Indian Church." The work includes the First-day School, Women's Club, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, a monthly "church night" largely attended by Osage families, home visitation, tutoring of Indian high school students and speaking appointments in local high school and before local clubs.

At Friends' Center among the Kickapoos, on a farm in the open country, rural problems are being studied intensively. The special concern of our workers here is to help younger Indians, especially, escape dependency and become self-reliant, self-respecting citizens, contributing to community life rather than depending on Government and social agencies for support. Activities

include co-operative garden and canning projects, organization of farmers into a Rural Community Council, recreational evenings each week, during warm weather, for different age groups, meetings on First-day afternoons in Indian homes with leadership assistance by an Indian man and woman and the organization of an Indian women's sewing circle, meeting weekly.

Seneca and Kickapoo meetings have increased in membership; Seneca, Kickapoo and Osage meetings have made some noticeable progress towards self-reliance and self-support. Kickapoo and Osage groups packed suitcases for children in Spain.

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Last year in our report we proposed reducing the school at Tunesassa to the 7th and 8th grade classes, thus liberating the time and ability of our staff for the development of community activity, which seemed greatly needed in a neighborhood where few of the young people go on to High School, and many are unable to get work because of lack of training. During the last few years this problem of the unemployed young people has become acute on the Allegheny Reservation.

All through last spring and summer we tried to find someone fitted to act as superintendent of such an undertaking, but all those with adequate training felt that the continuance of the two school grades would conflict with the work for older young people—so we decided to drop the grade school altogether, and to offer to selected groups of resident high school-aged girls an intensive course in domestic science, carefully planned to fit them for positions in domestic service. Already two girls have completed this course. In addition to these resident girls there are at present two boys living at the school and attending public school, while getting their training in farming and manual work with us.

With this new development in our work we have altered the personnel at the school. Clara Wilcox remains in charge of the social and neighborhood work, while Alice Burns, who has been with us for two years,

is in charge at the school. She is assisted by Irene Hoskins, who was also with us last year and is interested in crafts. We have also Paul and Esther Karakashian from Syria. Esther Karakashian is a trained music teacher of ability, and Paul Karakashian has taught in a boys' school in Syria for many years, is experienced in Boy Scout work and gardening, and is successfully taking charge of various repairs to the buildings and furniture with the assistance of the resident boys. There are also the farmer and farm helper under whose direction the resident boys also work.

We have been gratified at the ready response to our new type of work on the part of the Indians who take every opportunity to show their appreciation of our new community activities, which include the following:

#### *Health—*

1. The County nurse and Doctor assisted by Clara Wilcox hold a weekly clinic at the school, which has an average attendance of 25 people.

2. The County nurse has given a course in Home Nursing in 8 weekly classes at the school. This course has been completed by 8 Indian women, including the 2 resident domestic science students.

3. Clara Wilcox and the County nurse have organized a "Nurse Committee" of Indian women who meet regularly to make bandages, dressings and layettes for the use of the nurse on the reservation and in the clinics.

#### *Music—*

1. Between 20 and 50 people come to the school every Third-day evening for Community Singing which Esther Karakashian directs. She is also working regularly with a choral group of 10 or 12 who are singing in Seneca from Hymn Books provided by the Indians. She gives 11 children music lessons, and is directing a rhythmic band of 12 small children. She has also a children's choir. There was an attendance of 150 at our Christmas Musical Program and of 350 at a Band Concert given at the school by local Indian musicians.

*Clubs—*

1. There is a 4H Club of 10 or 12 girls meeting weekly at the school.

2. The Women's Home Bureau and Clara Wilcox have a weekly women's club for sewing and discussion of home problems.

3. Paul Karakashian is starting a Boy Scout group and is planning Garden Clubs to serve as a stimulus to the development of better gardens on the Reservation.

*Athletics—*

About 25 young men constitute an Athletic Club. Most of these come to the school five nights a week for basket ball practice. One night a week the girls use the gymnasium. Often our gymnasium is used for match games which are enthusiastically attended.

*Social Activities—*

During the last year there have been two Old Scholars Day Meetings, both largely attended. At the second of these meetings the Indians asked to be allowed to hold suppers and rummage sales at the school to raise money for our work. Two suppers and a rummage sale were held and the Indians have turned over \$100 thus raised to us to be used as we consider best. It has been carefully spent to provide:

1. A new basket-ball.
2. A drinking fountain.
3. A shower bath adjacent to the Gymnasium.
4. Shelving for our newly organized Community Library.
5. The Old Scholars have also papered a room for us.

The money paid for the materials, much of the work having been donated by the Indians themselves.

Clara Wilcox has been asked to tell of the work we

are doing at Tunesassa, before Women's Organizations in several of the larger towns within a 20-mile radius. She has also taken Indian women to sing before these groups. This publicity is helpful in arousing interest and possible opportunities for work for our home service graduates.

During the winter we have been asked by the National Youth Administration to receive into our resident group for domestic training 8 Indian girls of their selection, approved by Clara Wilcox, for whom they will pay board. The class rooms are being refitted as shops, where local Indian boys, already at work at the school as day students with an NYA instructor, can receive thorough training in woodwork and mechanics. The necessary machinery and tools for the shop have been ordered so that when this report is read the young men will be using the shop. The NYA pays trained Indian teachers to take charge of the classes; however, all their appointments of personnel or students are to be subject to our approval and all plans are being made with the closest supervision and co-operation of our staff.

With our smaller resident family we have been able to sell nearly half of our dairy herd, but it seems inadvisable to make any other drastic changes on the farm at present, as we wish to try out the new work gradually and the farm may later become a useful part of our educational project.

On First-days we have two meetings. That in the morning is held on the basis of silence and is occasionally attended by Indians from the community, while that in the evening is a programmed meeting in which people of all ages take part. Frequently ministers of other denominations assist at these evening meetings,—and they are well attended by both our White and Indian neighbors.

The program, as outlined, has enabled us very materially to reduce our budget this year. Being in a transition stage it is difficult to estimate our need for

the coming year but we feel that we are in a much more sound financial situation than we were a year ago.

Owing to the change in the character of the work at Tunesassa, still in a period of reorganization, we ask the Yearly Meeting to re-appoint as many of the present Committee as can continue, for one year only. At the end of that time it may be wise for the personnel of the Committee to be carefully reconsidered.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) MABEL B. HOYLE,

*Chairman.*

REPORT OF JONATHAN M. STEERE, TREASURER OF THE  
INDIAN COMMITTEE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
SECOND MONTH 1, 1939.

*Receipts.*

Balance on Hand Second Month 1, 1938:—

In hands of Treasurer.....\$ 55.56

In hands of Superintendent at Tunesassa..... 274.18

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Appropriation of Yearly Meeting..... 3,800.00

Income from Investments..... 1,142.27

“ “ T. Wistar Brown Teachers Fund 600.00

“ “ The Johnson and Marshall Estates..... 111.93

“ “ The Mary W. Trimble Estate. 7.12

“ “ The Emlen Institute..... 550.00

Donations:

For General Purposes.....\$1,314.10

For Special Purposes..... 32.00

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Sale of Security..... 976.78

U. S. Soil Conservation..... 296.88

Fuel..... 53.13

Farm and Dairy, including Value of Farm  
Products Used in the Family..... 5,550.80

Loans.....	\$ 200.00
Incidentals.....	161.41
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	\$15,126.16

*Payments.*

The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, appropriation to- ward the general expenses of that Com- mittee.....	\$ 600.00
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## Tunesassa Expenses:—

Salaries.....	3,663.18
Farm and Dairy.....	4,872.15
Family Expenses, including Value of Farm Products Used in the Family.....	2,961.08
Heat, Light and Water.....	903.20
Repairs and Improvements.....	217.01
Printing and Clerical Expenses.....	66.04
Travel Expense.....	30.00
Special Donations.....	32.00
Insurance.....	437.68
Automobile Expense.....	295.69
School Expenses.....	82.53
Interest.....	91.25
Loan Paid.....	200.00
Incidentals.....	65.58

## Balance:—

In hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 298.12
In hands of Superintendent at Tunesassa.....	310.65
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	608.77
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	\$15,126.16

*NOTE—The Committee has Loans outstanding in the amount of \$2,000.00.*

I have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Indian Committee, and find it to be correct.

(Signed) RICHARD H. RHOADS.

## **Report of the Marriage Council.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

With an increasing sense of the responsibility of any church to safeguard and enrich the family life of its members the Marriage Council presents its sixth Report. We have had six regular meetings in the past year. There have been guests at every meeting, among them some young Friends and Overseers. The Council believes that as many interested people as possible should share in its meetings, since all who do so become more fully aware of what it is doing.

Members of the Council review and discuss new books and articles dealing with marriage and the family. Reprints of certain good articles are available for loan. The Council has heard descriptions of newly-organized courses in marriage problems given at the University of Pennsylvania to fourth-year medical students, and at Temple University to a group of seniors. Members also took part in the proceedings of the conference on Preparation for Marriage which was held last Eleventh Month under the auspices of the Marriage Counsel of Philadelphia.

The main library of books on marriage and the family is now in the office of the Secretary of Friends' Institute, 20 S. Twelfth Street, where it is more accessible to readers and borrowers. The library has been very carefully selected. Smaller collections of books are to be found in Downingtown, Fallsington, Medford, Media and Westtown. The purchase of books has been the chief expense of the Council.

The Council suggests that if it is re-appointed suitable members might be chosen from a larger number of Monthly Meetings. Experience has shown, however, that the present size of the Council is well suited to its work.

The Council believes that today, more than ever before, those who contemplate marriage wish to prepare themselves intelligently for new responsibilities, social

adjustment, and spiritual development. Therefore it is the concern of the Council that its work and its services be known to all members of our Yearly Meeting. It believes firmly in the advantages of getting married in the Friendly way, and urges all Friends to encourage it. The Council further believes that in some, if not all Monthly Meetings, it would be helpful to have a Committee on Marriage and Family Relationship. Such a committee might well include one or more persons who are familiar with the work of the Marriage Council. We now have in preparation a leaflet containing information and suggestions as to the legal and health aspects of marriage. It is thought that this leaflet may be of use sometimes to committees having care of marriages.

We believe that committees on clearness should assume a greater measure of responsibility to make a sympathetic investigation into the suitability of proposed marriages from every standpoint. The work of such committees might also be constructive in the following ways: In encouraging those who contemplate marriage to read the sections on Marriage in *Faith and Practice*, pp. 35-7 (all Friends could read and re-read these words with profit); in co-operating with members of a committee on Marriage and Family Relationship; in maintaining close friendly relationships with couples after marriage.

The Council is concerned, ultimately with the permanence and welfare of the family, and with its religious growth.

We quote this paragraph from a book by an English author, Helen Bosanquet, entitled "The Family":—

"It is greater than love itself, for it includes, ennobles, makes permanent all that is best in love. The pain of life is hallowed by it; the drudgery sweetened; the pleasures consecrated. It is the great trysting-place of the generations, where past and future flash into the reality of the present. It is the storehouse in which the hardly-earned treasures of the past, the inheritance of the spirit and the

character of our ancestors, are guarded and preserved for our descendants. And it is the great discipline through which each generation learns anew the lesson of citizenship; that no man can live for himself alone."

Approved at a meeting held Third Month 6, 1939.

(Signed) LOVETT DEWEES,  
*Chairman.*

### **Report of Yearly Meeting Mission Board.**

#### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

The Quaker group in Japan is going through a period of testing and sifting by war, mobilization, floods, earthquakes, requisitions on faith, strength, resources. Out of the strains are emerging a leadership and a sense of vocation and responsibility which indicate a Quaker movement indigenous and independent.

"The Journal of George Fox" is being translated into Japanese by one Friend, Rufus Jones' "Faith and Practice of the Quakers" and Howard Brinton's "The Religious Solution to the Social Problem" by another; lectures are given and study groups led on Christian and Quaker topics by able Japanese Friends; service work is being undertaken in the wake of flood and war. One Friend's family alone housed 27 refugees at the time of the floods in Ibaraki Prefecture. Efforts to reach across in Christian fellowship to Friends in China have not been entirely unavailing and are pursued at considerable risk.

When Japanese Friends are doing so much in the face of extreme discouragement, what can we do to aid them?

In the first place, they still greatly desire us to keep some American workers in their country. We now have six (besides a part-time American teacher in the School). These six people, who shuttle back and forth between the continents, are able to interpret the one to the other and

reduce to some extent the areas of misunderstanding. Gilbert and Minnie P. Bowles are back again in their Tokyo home, which is an international Center. Edith F. Sharpless has just returned after a very effective six months' service of interpretation here. Herbert V. and Madeline W. Nicholson continue a wide variety of activities in and around Mito. In the heart of Tokyo is the Friends' Girls' School (with an enrollment of 508 girls) where two members of our Yearly Meeting are working—Esther B. Rhoads and also Mary Outland Katsuki, a part-time teacher. It is of especial interest to note that the School is gradually increasing its self-support and the students are carrying Christian ideals into Japanese life.

In the second place, there is the opportunity of helping Japanese Friends to come to Philadelphia for study, and of extending hospitality to those Japanese who are here. So far there have been three Japanese Young Friends on the Pendle Hill Scholarship. Kikue Kurama is now on the staff of the Friends' Girls' School; Ryumei Yamano returned to his post in the public school system of Mito; Masa Uraguchi is now at Pendle Hill on leave of absence from the Girls' School. The Mayeda family, connected with the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, has two daughters, one studying at Pendle Hill and one at Westtown. Their mother is a graduate of Friends' Girls' School and a member of Tokyo Meeting. Contacts with 15-25 members of the Japanese Student Christian Association in Philadelphia have been continued with increasing appreciation on both sides.

The type of deliberate visit which C. Walter Borton is making to Friends in the Far East is also of inestimable value. Going forward a step at a time he is able to discern the needs of individuals and of groups in a very remarkable way. His trips back and forth between Japan and China, first with Gilbert Bowles and now with Harry Silcock and Herbert Hodgkin, are helping to lay the foundations for a Quaker Center in China.

This Center will form another link of mutual understanding across the Pacific.

Our close association with Japanese Friends over a period of more than fifty years has brought much fresh life and strength to Quakerdom. In these days it is of the utmost importance that those whose supreme desire it is to follow the way of Jesus in a world that seems to cut nation off from nation, race from race, and class from class, should hold tightly the hand of friendship across these grim frontiers and let our "lives and conversation speak" of that which makes us all "one in Christ Jesus."

On behalf of the Mission Board of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity,

(Signed) J. PASSMORE ELKINTON,  
*Chairman.*

" HELEN STRATTON,  
*General Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Third Month 14, 1939.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION BOARD OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY, FIRST TO TWELFTH MONTHS, INC., 1938.

*Expenditures.*

Mission (American Workers in Japan).....	\$4,510.10
Furlough Expense.....	1,644.45
Yearly Meeting.....	1,596.00
Girls' School.....	1,400.00
General Office Expense.....	1,120.91
Treasurer's Office Expense.....	15.00
Medical Expense.....	66.67
Miscellaneous Expense.....	38.00
Total Expenditures.....	<hr/> \$10,391.13

*Income.*

Total Undesignated Contributions..	\$7,523.85
Total Designated Contributions....	891.00
Total Endowment Fund Incomes...	1,402.89
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Total Income.....	\$ 9,817.74
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Deficit in Income for 1938.....	\$ 573.39

*Assets.*

Cash on Hand, Twelfth Month 31, 1938....	\$ 3,264.57
Less Misc. Transmission.....	803.91
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Surplus.....	\$ 2,460.66

## Proof:

Deficit in Income for 1938.....	\$ 573.39
Surplus Twelfth Month 31, 1937.....	3,034.05
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Surplus.....	\$ 2,460.66

C. REED CARY,  
*Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Philadelphia, Pa.,  
Third Month 16, 1939.

We have examined the accounts of C. Reed Cary, Treasurer of The Mission Board of The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, for the year ending Twelfth Month 31, 1938, and find them correct, there being a cash balance in his hands of \$3,264.57.

(Signed) ALBERT L. HILLES, JR.,  
" JOHN H. CARTER.

## Report of the Yearly Meeting Standing Nominating Committee.

*To the Clerks of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends,  
Arch Street:*

Attached hereto are the list of names which the Nominating Committee submit as being those of Friends suitable for the service on the various Committees of the Yearly Meeting. All of those whose names appear on these lists have been queried as to their willingness to serve if appointed, and all have expressed willingness to do so.

Signed, on behalf of the Nominating Committee,

(Signed) C. REED CARY (*Per E*),

*Chairman.*

*NOTE—For the membership of the following Committees as appointed by the Yearly Meeting at its session, 1939, pursuant to the nominations made by the Standing Nominating Committee, see infra, pp. 194-205: Committee on Arrangements; Committee on Audit and Budget; Committee on Education; Council on Education; Committee on Epistles; Extension Committee; Indian Committee; Marriage Council; Peace Committee; Committee on Race Relations; Committee on Religious Education; Social Order Committee; West-town School Committee.*

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## Report of Friends' Peace Committee.

*To the Yearly Meetings:*

With the "September crisis" past, the prospect for world peace has seemed less hopeless during the winter than it appeared in the early autumn. However, the need for workers toward peace and for a working body which sets forth the peace concern of the Religious Society of Friends has never been more urgent than during the past year.

It is the purpose of the Friends' Peace Committee to

meet this need. During the past year it has contributed to a fuller education for peace; it has advocated legislation making for peace; and it has endeavored to rouse Friends to deeper and stronger convictions.

#### SPEAKERS BUREAU.

The Speakers Bureau remains an effective means of reaching non-Friends. During 1938 the Bureau arranged 778 talks. Of these, only 31, or 4 per cent., were before Friends' groups. Sixty-eight were over the radio; 431 before schools; and 11 were delivered by Richard Wood during his European trip. In addition, several Peace Committee members made speeches for other organizations, which are not included in this total.

Of unusual interest among Speakers Bureau activities were the talks given by Herbert Fraser and Richard Wood over the national net-work of the Columbia Broadcasting System in connection with the Campaign for World Economic Co-operation; and Richard Wood's address before the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Council of Churches. The increase of young speakers is most encouraging. For example, 10 Bryn Mawr students co-operated enthusiastically in some of the Armistice Day programs and are expected to help again at Goodwill Day. A group of Swarthmore students has assisted in a similar way.

#### WORK AMONG FRIENDS.

The Field Committee conducted the annual conference for peace workers, held this autumn at Swarthmore, with the largest attendance yet recorded. An innovation at the Swarthmore meeting was a Young Friends' section. From this has resulted a movement among younger Friends to inform themselves of Friends' peace principles and their application. One of the Young Friends' Seminars last summer had already been devoted to this subject. The Peace Committee, with the co-operation of the Young Friends Movement, has now

held two conferences on Quaker Pacifism, the first at Fifteenth and Race Streets in Twelfth Month, and the second at Mount Holly in First Month, 1939. Further conferences in this series have been planned. The Field Committee has stimulated the organization of Peace Action groups in several Meetings. From time to time, News Letters with definite suggestions are sent to correspondents in every Meeting. The chairman of the Field Committee spent a week in Washington in Second Month, 1938, at the request of the National Council for Prevention of War, discussing the Ludlow Resolution with members of Congress.

#### EDUCATION.

The Education Committee has worked throughout the year on the problem of war-toys, and is continuing to do so. It inspired the article on "Gifts that Give," by Irene Glenn, in *The Friend* and the *Friends Intelligencer*, shortly before Christmas. The Institute in Third Month, 1938, on "Education for Peaceful Change," arranged in co-operation with the Women's International League, drew an attendance of about three hundred. Graded packets of material for William Penn Day, prepared by the Committee, were warmly welcomed by numerous public schools, and will be available to others during the coming year. The Committee's set of lantern slides of Japanese life has been re-edited, with a new set of explanatory notes by Anna Cox Brinton, and has been widely circulated. The Education Secretary, Eloise Melville, gave 35 talks, including one over Radio Station WIP on war-toys. The Lending Library at 1515 Cherry Street has been amplified during the year, and a list of more significant books prepared and distributed to a large public.

#### LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

At the suggestion of the Legislative Committee, the Peace Committee has written to the President and Congress opposing the extravagant armament program

now being formulated and has co-operated with the National Peace Conference by urging on the President the calling of a world conference for political and economic co-operation. We also made our annual protest to Senators and Congressmen against increased military appropriations.

#### STAFF ACTIVITIES.

During 1938, our Executive Secretary served as Assistant Director of the Campaign for World Economic Co-operation of the National Peace Conference. Much of the responsibility for planning the Washington Conference on World Economic Co-operation last spring fell to him. He also assisted in organizing the Philadelphia Peace Council and served for a time as its recording secretary. He devoted much time and energy to the economy plans of the National Council for Prevention of War, on whose Board he served until recently. These additional obligations reduced the number of talks he was able to give to about 100, but enabled the Peace Committee to share in enterprises with whose purposes it is in hearty accord.

At the invitation of the Friends' Peace Committee in London, the Executive Secretary spent Eleventh Month abroad. He attended the special session on peace held by London Yearly Meeting, and made several speeches before British meetings in preparation for the Yearly Meeting. He also spent some days in Geneva, interviewing officials of the League of Nations and International Labor Organization. Six days in Prague on a mission for the American Friends Service Committee gave him an unusual opportunity to see some of the results of the "September crisis."

As a result of her visit in Geneva, reported last year, Eloise Melville has taken a useful part in organizing the successful radio program, "Youth and the World," carried on by the Pennsylvania League of Nations Association. Also as a result of her Geneva experience, she is international relations chairman of the Philadelphia Business and Professional Women's Club, and represents

their Pennsylvania Federation on the Pennsylvania Committee on the Cause and Cure of War.

Gene Stover, of Riverton, who joined our staff more than a year ago, attended the Eastern Institute of International Relations at State College. This increased her value to the Committee and her interest in the work.

#### INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES.

Individual members of the Peace Committee are active as workers and leaders in many other peace organizations, local and national. Thus our members endeavor to carry the Quaker message far beyond the Society of Friends. Among their activities is the encouragement of study groups and other peace work in their own communities. They often provide channels through which the Peace Committee can supply both literature and speakers. Increasingly, individual Friends not members of the Committee are also doing this.

#### FINANCES.

Work such as ours depends on the interest and concern of a large number of Friends. It has been the policy of the Committee to seek contributions from many, rather than large gifts from few, acceptable as such are. The balance at the beginning of 1938 was \$862.88. From all sources, including Yearly Meeting appropriations and individual contributions, our income totalled \$10,134.48. Expenditures amounted to \$10,886.37, leaving a balance at the end of the year of \$89.99. During the year, 824 individuals made contributions, as compared with 716 in 1937. A more detailed financial report and Auditors' Report have been transmitted to the Yearly Meetings.

#### CONTINUING PROBLEMS.

It should be remembered that the Peace Committee is the agent of a *Religious* Society. This fact underlies all our work. The assumption fundamental to Quakerism is the assumption of the Divine Spark in every human

being. From this follows the responsibility to avoid doing to our fellows what war involves. It also demands the attitudes of good-will and of co-operation which facilitate the achievement of mutually acceptable solutions of common problems. It is one of the tasks of the Peace Committee to aid in the search for those solutions in problems of international relations.

It is not sufficient, in the minds of many Friends, to state a lofty principle and to abstain heroically from violations of that principle. These are necessary for a *Religious* pacifist body, but they are not sufficient. Friends desire also to help develop national and international policies which will establish permanent conditions of peace. Where there is unity, as in opposition to the present extravagant armaments program or in supporting the reduction of trade barriers or urging immigration policies free from racial discrimination, the Peace Committee has recommended definite attitudes on national policies. Where there is disagreement, as in the question of neutrality and collective security, the Peace Committee has endeavored to clear the air by exchanging views and by providing information on the question at issue.

#### CONCLUSION.

There is a tragic uncertainty and confusion in the present world today. The influence of fear, distrust, and racial and economic antagonism are imperilling the future by an unprecedented race in armaments and by enlarged armies and navies. These give evidence that governments still rely on force in international relations.

In these conditions the Peace Committee of the Religious Society of Friends is needed far more than if the prospect were bright for peaceful international relations, and for steady growth of friendship and constructive understanding. We therefore appeal earnestly for the continued interest and increased contributions of Friends.

The world has passed through many crises, and from the darkest periods of history light has shown forth

through the faithfulness of individuals and groups that at the time must have seemed weak and almost trivial. Faith ultimately triumphs over fear, and patience must have her perfect work.

At a recent meeting of the Friends' Peace Committee, we were reminded that Napoleon once said, "There are only two powers in the world—the spirit and the sword. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit." We were also reminded of George Fox's vision:—

"I saw that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but I saw that there was an infinite ocean of light and love that flowed over the ocean of darkness, and in that I saw the infinite love of God."

On behalf of the Friends' Peace Committee,

(Signed) EDWARD W. EVANS,

" J. ROWLAND PENNOCK,

*Co-Chairmen.*

Second Month 8, 1939.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

(First Month 1, 1938, to First Month 1, 1939.)

##### *Income.*

Balance First Month 1, 1938.....	\$ 862.88
Contributions.....	6,537.35
Race Street Appropriation.....	1,166.67
Arch Street Appropriation.....	1,100.00
Interest on Investments.....	384.75
Allocations.....	1,159.00
Sundry Income from Sub-Committees.....	945.71
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	\$12,156.36

##### *Expenses.*

Office.....	\$3,825.69
Speakers' Bureau.....	2,437.67

Education Committee.....	\$1,876.87
Legislative Committee.....	1,797.37
Field Committee.....	948.77
Allocations.....	1,180.00
	<hr/> \$12,066.37

Balance First Month 1, 1939.....\$ 89.99

LUCY BIDDLE LEWIS,  
*Treasurer.*

We have audited the accounts of Lucy Biddle Lewis, Treasurer of the Friends' Peace Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, from First Month 1, 1938, to Twelfth Month 31, 1938, inclusive. We have checked the disbursements and the receipts and found them correct. There is a balance on hand in the Provident Trust Company amounting to \$77.68, and in Petty Cash the sum of \$12.31.

(Signed) ROBERT E. ATKINSON,  
" ELIZABETH BRINTON,  
*Auditors.*

First Month 10, 1939.

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## **Report of Committee on Race Relations.**

### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

From its earliest days the Society of Friends has stood for democracy in its religious worship and its business procedure. We have tried to uphold democratic ideals based on a religious and spiritual tenet that in each man is a spark of the Divine. Recognizing this fact we must make it possible for each human being, regardless of race, religion, or social status, to have freedom of speech, freedom to worship as his conscience dictates and freedom to use whatever capacities he has to gain an education and to make an adequate living. Never must we forget that this freedom belongs to dark-skinned

Americans as well as white. It is on this basis of democracy and the value of the individual that our Committee wishes to proceed with its work, and on this basis that it hopes to gain the full co-operation of Friends.

#### RESIGNATION OF HELEN R. BRYAN—FIELD SECRETARY.

In the autumn our loved and valued secretary, Helen R. Bryan, left us to work in New York for The American League for Peace and Democracy. We feel it is impossible adequately to fill her place. Her brilliant mind kept our Committee informed on all important matters in the field of race; her creative initiative kept us at continuous new projects; her sympathy and human understanding made a natural contact between our Committee and her many devoted Negro friends all over the country; and her tireless and passionate devotion to the misunderstood individual of other races, enkindled our own. We realize keenly that our Committee must share even more in the burden and responsibility of our work.

Grace Warner Waring is now acting as temporary secretary.

#### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES.

Our Committee on Race Relations is aware that for real educational value our work must make specific drives for specific ends. Our winter's work has included the following projects:—

We have arranged a schedule of visits to First-day Schools throughout the Yearly Meeting for Gwendolyn Bryant. She is a young Negro student at Pendle Hill. Her subject is Worship Through Music and Poetry. She has been widely used.

Early in the fall our Secretary sent out letters to the Quarterly Meetings asking for speaking engagements for Wilhelm Sollmann, formerly a member of the last German democratic Cabinet. He has a powerful message on the Democratic State expressed with a keen and sympathetic

understanding of world problems. Very few meetings responded promptly to this opportunity; he has now been taken up so enthusiastically by groups outside of Friends that it is difficult to secure him.

In December some Yearly Meeting members received invitations to a dinner given for Ralph Bunche, a brilliant young Negro recipient of a Social Science fellowship, and Max Yergan, beloved by many Friends. The subject was Africa, where the black majority is continually exploited by white minorities. This was an opportunity to meet many of Philadelphia's most cultured Negroes in a common concern.

In February, Bernard G. and Grace W. Waring invited the Committee and a few Friends, Negro and white, to supper at their home to discuss the general subject of prejudice and minority groups.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

The Committee is co-operating with The Young Peoples Inter-racial Fellowship (an inter-church group closely allied with our Committee) in approaching some influential Philadelphia doctors to try to make it possible for promising young Negro doctors to interne at Philadelphia General and for Negro nurses to secure training there. Up until now the opportunity for adequate training for Negro medical students and nurses has been lacking.

Letters to the heads of the Sociology departments of some of our Philadelphia colleges and universities have been sent out asking for help from students working for Masters' and Doctors' degrees, to make surveys of housing and educational, recreational, professional and business opportunities for minority groups in our vicinity. Two of the professors have made sympathetic response.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES.

During this year we have had the satisfaction of a closer union with other Yearly Meeting Committees. We are increasingly impressed that the aims of our

educational Committees have, fundamentally, like objectives. The Religious Education Committee has helped to bring our concern before two of its conferences. The Social Order Committee and the Committee on Race Relations, feeling so closely tied up in the economic fabric, have united in securing a Yearly Meeting evening speaker. We believe that further co-operation of this kind will lead, not only to a greater simplification of all our work, but also to increased power.

#### ANTI-SEMITISM HERE AND ABROAD.

In the field of Anti-Semitism the Committee is endeavoring to inform its members of the historical and economic background of the causes of Anti-Semitism. We are working with a newly appointed Jewish group who are concentrating on the educational aspects of the whole question and who are working through positive methods. They have warmly welcomed our help and feel that we should advance on the broad basis of democracy, religious toleration, the humanities and the ideals of freedom and equal rights for which our country and our Society in particular, has always stood.

#### OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

But our horror at injustices to Jews in Europe must not stop with fighting Anti-Semitism at home, increasingly important as that is. It must force us to look at America, and Quakerdom, freshly, and see also the beam in our own eye. Just as John Woolman never stopped until the entire membership of the Society of Friends was clear of holding slaves, so we must not stop until our contemporary membership is freed of the evil of racial discrimination as expressed in our schools, our hospitals, our business enterprises. We cannot wait till all our membership is clear, however, any more than our forbears waited, before attempting to help individuals of all races to enter businesses they are qualified to enter and schools and colleges they are qualified to attend—all on a basis of fitness and not on the basis of race. World events show that only in a democratic state are

minorities safe. We must guard our democracy which must continue to include racial and religious tolerance.

(Signed) GRACE WARNER WARING,  
 " RUTH VERLENDEN POLEY (*Per T*),  
*Chairmen.*

# REPORT OF TREASURER.

## *Receipts.*

Balance, First Month 1, 1938.....	\$ 322.50
Appropriation from Race Street Yearly Meeting.....	\$ 600.00
Appropriation from Arch Street Yearly Meeting.....	400.00
Contributions from Race Street Members.....	473.25
Contributions from Arch Street Members.....	654.00
	<hr/> \$2,127.25
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## *Expenditures.*

Salaries.....	\$1,269.00
Postage and Supplies.....	123.00
Literature Purchased.....	15.37
Conferences.....	417.54
Telephone.....	82.45
Rent.....	110.00
Miscellaneous.....	33.42
	<hr/> \$2,050.78
Balance, First Month 1, 1939.....	\$ 398.97

The above account of Sue C. Yerkes, Treasurer, has been audited and found correct.

HENRY C. PATTERSON,  
*Auditor.*

March 17, 1939.

*To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

As our Committee on Race Relations is hoping to

expand, rather than curtail its work, we are requesting for the year 1939 our usual annual appropriation of \$400.00.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) GRACE W. WARING,  
*Chairman.*

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### **Report of Religious Education Committee.**

#### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

The financial statement which appears in the printed report of the Yearly Meeting shows a working balance in the reserve fund at the beginning of the year of \$507.30. Estimate expenditures will leave a balance for this year of \$406.00 in this fund.

The Committee has been able to meet its budget by the appropriation of \$800 from the Yearly Meeting and approximately \$1500 from 170 individual contributions. Six Monthly Meetings include the Religious Education Committee in their budget, so that many more persons are involved in these contributions than appears from the above number.

We greatly appreciate this generous assistance from the Yearly Meeting and hope that it may be continued for next year. And we are also very grateful to the many friends who by their interest and support have made it possible to carry on this work.

For nine years the Religious Education Committee has been a recognized part of the Yearly Meeting. It is the immediate descendant of the Friends' First-day School Association founded in 1862; and a recent study of early minutes seems to show that the work of this Committee has reflected rather faithfully the concern of a large body of Friends for the development of religious life in our membership.

In the 31 Monthly Meetings comprising this Yearly Meeting there are 27 First-day schools, some of them joint with Race Street and some in new United Meetings.

It is estimated that 1697 children and young people and adults are involved in these schools, with 241 teachers and leaders.

Through monthly conferences and regional meetings, through our increasingly valuable circulating and reference library of over 2300 volumes, through the visits of the consultants to the schools, and the many calls upon and interviews in the office at 304 Arch Street, we are able to be of service to a growing number of persons.

Planning the First-day morning meetings at Camp Dark Waters and help with the enrollment of campers is our responsibility. Active co-operation with other Yearly Meeting committees keeps us alert to the life among us and sensitive to concerns which frequently arise. The scope of the work stretches into proportions which we feel inadequate to meet, although the chairman of the committee, an office secretary and three consultants give regular part-time to its direction and organization.

Last year the report of this Committee stressed specifically types of First-day schools. We want to say again that we feel especially concerned that each Meeting shall build up the kind of group most appropriate to itself. A year of preparatory study by parents in one Meeting laid a thoughtful foundation for the beginning of work with their children. Other Meetings have substituted for more formal work short devotional programs, preceding the Meeting for Worship, in which a large part of the membership participates.

Some schools are large and well organized; one small one meets in the home of one of the members, and there is, fortunately, a developing degree of flexibility. The First-day school which meets in this building, four or five classes of colored boys and girls, represents a very different degree of home opportunity from schools held in the suburbs. We cannot too strongly stress the educational value of meeting people *where they are*, if they are to be led, intelligently, into wider places. Dr. James S. Plant has recently said: "We talk much of education for parenthood, and here again preparation most richly

lies in the fullest meeting of the child's needs *as a child* rather than as one who will one day be an adult. It is our responsibility to show children that those things which are 'worth while' are actually worth while in themselves, not in terms of so-called 'deferred returns.' Have we ourselves so little faith or joy in hard work or sacrifice or honesty that we need to coax the child to them by some will-o'-the-wisp?"

Increasing interest in Bible study has stimulated many classes this year. Quakerism courses and units of study based on "beginnings" which are designed to lead the little child into a natural relationship with God, have been planned by the staff and carried out with varying degrees of success. Discussion groups centered in personal problems and questions of world significance in which youth is deeply concerned, are led in a few Meetings by people whose standards, knowledge and spiritual insight are helping to shape worthy attitudes which stand the test of living.

Although the printed page can never meet fully any given situation, a body of curriculum material based on class experiences is slowly being built up and promises to be increasingly helpful. The secret of success in every project is the teacher.

There has been one concern which the Religious Education Committee has especially felt during this past winter. Overseers and those Friends in our Local Meetings who are the counselors and who play such an important part in Religious Education in its broadest sense, can help each other when gathered together in conference. On each of two different occasions a group of such Friends, meeting with this Committee, has discussed two of the following questions:

- (1) How should we approach the person applying for membership in the Society?
- (2) How can our Meetings nurture these new members so that we may mutually benefit and grow together?

- (3) How may we talk helpfully with a young birthright member?
- (4) What do we do about inactive resident members?

These discussions seemed to be distinctly "in the Life"; fresh insights were given and many excellent suggestions made. "Iron sharpeneth iron" and sparks so ignited may start steady fires.

From Pendle Hill is constantly coming leadership and stimulation. Fresh life comes into our Society through its doors. Overseers and other Meeting workers speak with deep appreciation of the week together there early this year.

Yearly Meeting committees grow out of concerns with a religious motivation. They are linked together at the root, therefore, and it is important to evaluate them from time to time. Some of our committees center particularly upon action, some upon attitudes and some upon insights. No committee, however, escapes all these functions to some degree. Changed attitudes are of great emotional importance. We need especially to support intelligently the concerns which have changed attitudes as their objective. Is our Quaker education responding to convictions which are receiving new life from these concerns? Are democracy, simplicity and racial equality upheld as true goals in our schools and First-day schools?

We repeat that the development and guidance of spiritual growth involves us all. There is no age limit to growth.

Objectives of Religious Education gather us into united search:—(1) That the reality of God may become a living experience; (2) That a better knowledge and understanding of the Jesus of history may lead us into fellowship with the indwelling Christ; (3) That we may know a growth in respect for the personality of others, leading us into a sense of participation with the great family of men upon the earth.

There is a fellowship of suffering, but there is also a fellowship of joy. May we be led deeply into both.

On behalf of the Committee on Religious Education,

(Signed) RACHEL R. CADBURY,

*Chairman.*

“ ELIZABETH B. YARNALL (*Per R*),

*Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Third Month 14, 1939.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FOURTH MONTH 1, 1938, TO  
SECOND MONTH 28, 1939, AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS  
AND EXPENDITURES TO END OF FISCAL YEAR, THIRD  
MONTH 31, 1939.

Balance Fourth Month 1, 1938 (Fiscal Year).....	\$ 507.30
Yearly Meeting Appropriation.....	800.00
Contributions.....	1,173.50
Conference Fund.....	200.00
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	\$2,680.80
Estimated Receipts by Close of Fiscal year, Third Month 31, 1939.....	351.50
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	\$3,032.30

*Expenditures.*

Salaries and Travel Expense.....	\$1,797.60
Office Expense, Rent, Telephone, etc.	291.60
Conference Expense.....	104.15
Books and Class Material.....	73.27
Interest on Loan.....	18.75
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	\$2,285.37
Estimated expenses prior to close of fiscal year.	340.93
Estimated Reserve Fund for expenses prior to Spring Collections.....	406.00
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	\$3,032.30

The above Statement, which has been audited to Third Month 1, 1939, shows the accounts of the Com-

mittee to that date with the estimated receipts and expenditures to the end of the fiscal year on Third Month 31, 1939.

On behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) HORACE D. WEBSTER,

*Treasurer.*

### **Report of Social Order Committee.**

#### *To the Yearly Meeting:*

During the past year the *Business Problems Group* suffered a serious loss in the death of its Chairman, Henry T. Brown, whose buoyant leadership, deep interest in the subject, and close attention to the work will long stand in the memory of us all. As no successor has been found, no meetings of this group have been held during the year. Plans for further work are now under consideration.

The *Women's Problems Group*, an informal organization of women Friends of both Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, has met five times during the past year, with over one hundred members contributing financially, and an attendance of members and their friends, ranging from sixty to one hundred. Following the meeting an hour of sociability is enjoyed by all who can stay to partake of the now famous soup and crackers. The meetings this year have all dealt with the meaning and manifestations of simplicity. A list of the speakers and their subjects follows:

October 18, 1938—Dr. Thomas R. Kelly of Haverford College: "Tranquility in the Midst of Today."

November 18, 1938—Mildred B. Young of the Delta Co-operative Farm: "Toward a Functional Poverty."

December 9, 1938—P. Allston Waring, New Hope, Pa.: "Ten Years on a Bucks County Farm."

January 17, 1939—Sarah Cleghorn, Manchester, Vermont: "Loving-kindness."

March 3, 1939—Anna Cox Brinton, of Pendle Hill: "Simplicity in Family Life."

It is hoped that in the coming year an even larger number of Friends of both Yearly Meetings, and their friends, may participate in these meetings. Names for the mailing list may be sent at any time to the Women's Problems Group, 20 S. Twelfth Street.

ELIZABETH BIDDLE YARNALL, *Chairman*.

EDITH LEWIS WHITE, *Vice-Chairman*.

ESTHER M. DODSON, *Secretary*.

MARY OGDEN CONARD, *Treasurer*.

The work which we are reporting this year has been made possible by an encouraging increase in the number of contributors. One hundred twenty-one contributions were received, a greater number than ever before.

The Committee is deeply grateful to the many friends who, by their interest and support, have made it possible to carry on the work, also to the Yearly Meeting for its generous assistance.

As the Committee will not employ a full-time Secretary until later in the year, it will be able to operate on a reduced budget and, therefore, requests an appropriation of \$400.00 from the Yearly Meeting for this year.

The Yearly Meeting of last year expressed approval of the conferences arranged by the Social Order Committee between employers and labor leaders and expressed gratitude with the way in which the Committee was carrying on its exploratory work in this field of social conflict.

Shortly after our last Yearly Meeting our Secretary, J. Howard Branson, had an opportunity to act as mediator in a serious strike, which was satisfactorily adjusted. On Seventh Month 1st he resigned to accept a position of large responsibility and opportunity for

service. During his years of leadership on the Social Order Committee he had become associated with a wide range of socially constructive activities and contributed substantially to social progress in our community. The Social Order Committee, and many others, will follow his work with interest and sympathy.

For two months during the winter the Committee was fortunate in having Wilmer J. Young as Secretary. Arrangements have lately been made for Arthur J. Bertholf to act as Secretary until summer, when David S. Richie will take up the work.

During this year the main work of the Social Order Committee has been concerned with the development of attitudes of reconciliation and of a willingness to understand the viewpoint of opposing groups in our social and economic set-up.

Pendle Hill has been most co-operative. Arrangements were made for a conference of key workers and shop committee men and women of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery workers. A group of 35 workers and officials came from a radius of about 150 miles and spent a week at Pendle Hill. These were workers who deal directly with employers in negotiating and carrying out agreements.

The main theme of this conference was the union's responsibility under collective bargaining agreements. In view of the success of this conference the union has arranged for a similar conference for this year. The Textile workers and Steel workers are considering with us the possibility of similar conferences at Pendle Hill.

One week-end conference of labor leaders and employers and four supper conferences here in Philadelphia have been held during the year. Two of these have been with officials of unions affiliated with the A. F. L. and two with C. I. O. affiliates. Three representatives of the Reading Chamber of Commerce attended one of them in order to see whether something similar could be started in Reading.

A week-end conference was arranged for the Executive

Committee of a Local of the Textile Workers' Union which has an agreement with a large employer. A good deal of friction was developing under this agreement and the Union devoted a week-end at Pendle Hill to consider what they could do to lessen this friction and improve labor relations at that plant.

The Social Order Committee has always enjoyed the cordial hospitality and whole-hearted co-operation of Pendle Hill School, and our report would not be complete without an expression of thanks to them.

Much of the time of our conferences was taken up with discussions of the National Labor Relations Act. This Act is in essence an effort to balance, but not over-balance, the economic power the employer enjoys through his right to hire and fire, by political recognition of the right of the employed to group action.

We believe it to be of the greatest importance that all who are in any wise concerned with industrial problems should seek a sympathetic understanding of this legislation. The Social Order Committee will welcome the opportunity to assist any individuals or groups desiring to know more about this Act and its proposed modifications.

Recently a series of conferences was convened by the Social Order Committee to consider "What Can We Do to Promote Industrial Peace?" Representatives from churches, labor unions, women's clubs, and other civic groups attended. These conferences resulted in the formation of the "Citizens' Council for Social Progress." The founders of the Council include Protestants, Jews, Catholics and Friends—business people and labor union leaders. It is hoped that the Council will unite people of good-will to spread an understanding of responsibility for the social-industrial situation and to advance and help enforce good social legislation, especially that which has to do with labor standards, labor relations, housing, social security, and civil rights. The Social Order Committee is co-operating with the Citizens' Council for Social Progress in plans for several important conferences,

one being on Minimum Wage Legislation for Women and Minors, a Town Meeting exploring various viewpoints concerning the National Labor Relations Act and a meeting to be addressed by the Federal Wage and Hour Administrator, Division of the Department of Labor.

Another committee activity which we hope will be increasingly used is the furnishing of speakers on current problems of the social order to First-day schools and other adult and youth groups. We very much hope that during this year we may be able to co-operate with the Young Friends Movement in the spread of understanding of social problems among the young people who must soon bear the burdens of social readjustment.

A plan is being developed for the Social Order Committee and the Economic Problems Group of the Race Street Yearly Meeting to use the same office and secretarial facilities.

Our experience during the year strengthens our faith that a spirit of reconciliation united with intelligent study is effective in industrial and economic affairs just as it is in all the relations of life.

The Committee considers its task to be the wider development and acceptance of this way of life.

Signed on behalf of the Social Order Committee,

(Signed) BERNARD G. WARING,

*Chairman.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Third Month 15, 1939.

# REPORT OF TREASURER

(For Year Ending Twelfth Month 31, 1938.)

## *Receipts.*

Balance from last year, as of First Month 1,	
1938.....	\$ 22.72
Yearly Meeting Appropriation.....	500.00
Contributions.....	2,505.50

Contributions for Conferences and Special Projects.....	\$ 65.83
	<u>\$3,094.05</u>

*Expenditures.*

Accounts due First Month 1, 1938.....	\$1,125.04
Salaries.....	1,350.00
Office Rent and Expense, Petty Cash, Telephone and Incidentals.....	456.40
Expenses of Conferences and Special Projects.....	89.03
	<u>\$3,020.47</u>
Balance Twelfth Month 31, 1938.....	73.58
	<u>\$3,094.05</u>

On behalf of the Social Order Committee,

HORACE D. WEBSTER,

*Treasurer.*

Our auditor's statement is as follows:—

“I have examined the accounts of Horace D. Webster, Treasurer; compared the vouchers with the expenditures and find them to be correct. The balance on hand as of First Month 4, 1939, is \$73.58.”

ERNEST N. VOTAW,

*Auditor.*

### **Report of Friends' Temperance Association.**

*To the Yearly Meeting of 1939:*

Friends' Temperance Association is constituted by committees appointed by the two Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, and certain other Friends drafted for service with it, forty-four appointed members in all. Regular monthly meetings have been held throughout the year, with the exception of July and August, with an attendance ranging between ten and twenty-five.

How best to uphold the testimony of Friends in support of “physical and spiritual efficiency by avoiding and discouraging the use of intoxicants and narcotic

drugs," has been the continued concern of your committee. No other stand than total abstinence can be recommended for the membership of our Society, as we cannot compromise with a traffic that causes so much hardship and damage to the individual and to society at large.

Foremost has been our educational work in schools and other places over a wide area. We are serving 88 per cent. of the Elementary and Junior High Schools in Philadelphia.

Closely allied with this has been our endeavor to awaken a keener sense of responsibility among Friends for their own influence and example. We have supplied speakers and literature when called upon. We arranged for Helen Rhoads to attend Friends' General Conference at Cape May to take charge of the temperance exhibit and give lessons and talks with persons desiring help.

The Association has appointed a committee on legislation to work with a group of fourteen other organizations known as the Federated Legislative Committee for the 1939 legislative session in Pennsylvania. With the change of administration in this state, we have reason to believe that temperance legislation and administration will be in more friendly hands and the present liquor laws will undoubtedly be improved. We wish to urge every Meeting center to use its influence to make provision for a local option vote at the municipal election in Pennsylvania, September 12, 1939, if local option is not already effective in its municipality.

Some of our members have participated energetically as individuals in an effort to supply wholesome recreation, social life and refreshments for young people where alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises. This is an effort to direct young people from the liquor night clubs and tap rooms.

We have been fortunate in having had the continued services of Helen E. Rhoads and James A. Killip, the latter giving us full time during nine months of the year.

Helen Rhoads has been particularly successful in

projects dramatizing the nature and effects of alcohol and at the same time she has given many lessons, contacting nearly twenty thousand children.

James Killip has worked more in High Schools and Junior High and with the general public. Each of our school visitors has a variety of presentations and adapts the lesson or lecture to the particular situation. Both of them carry credentials of endorsement from the Board of Education of the City of Philadelphia, and both are doing much incidental work in religious and social groups of adults apart from their school visiting.

Your committee would be glad to quote from numerous splendid testimonials that have come to us unsolicited as to the character and value of the lessons given. We have been assured as well as cheered by them. The Safety Tour of James Killip during the summer months calls for separate mention because your committee was a secondary rather than a major sponsor of that project. Special credit is due to the National W. C. T. U. and to the National Safety Council, but the auto and trailer were furnished by Friends' Temperance Association. Dressed in attractive uniform and accompanied by his wife and an attendant, James Killip set forth on a transcontinental tour of more than ten thousand miles. This included over one hundred cities and towns in twenty-eight states. He was well provided with official introductions that assured him the care and protection of police and the best locations available for his demonstration. With a drunkometer and other modern ways of testing the degree of menace in alcohol, and how to make our highways less dangerous, the problem of drawing a crowd became a less serious matter than that of persuading people effectively. However, the crowds were well policed and no serious difficulty was experienced. Although he gave an out-spoken message regarding the nature of alcohol and the tragedies incident to the use of alcoholic beverages, no instance of acrimonious debate resulted. Questions from the crowd were answered and fallacies were exposed. It is believed that fully

150,000 persons were more or less effectively reached by this method in two-and-one-half months.

Why are not more young men of ability engaged in this fascinating kind of public education?

The questionnaire regarding the use of intoxicants by our members, which was mentioned in our report last year, has been used extensively in both Yearly Meetings, but as every Monthly Meeting has been circularized and furnished with tabulated results, we refer to it here only as having been, to some extent, the work of this committee.

In closing, we would say again that our deep concern has been to awaken among people of every age and situation in life, but especially among Friends, a keener sense of responsibility for the evils incident to the liquor traffic and for the conscientious practice of total abstinence. We would plead as did John Woolman in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting one hundred and eighty years ago "in the pure flowings of Divine Love, that we mutually keep to that spirit and power which crucifies to the world, and which teaches us to avoid superfluities."

For the Association,

(Signed) ASA P. WAY,

*Chairman.*

February 9th, 1939.

## FRIENDS' TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Fiscal Year ending First Month 31, 1939.

#### *Receipts.*

Balance, Second Month 1, 1938.....	\$1,445.39
Income from Investments.....	361.13
Contributions.....	1,565.25
Other Income.....	229.44
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	\$3,601.21

*Expenditures.*

## School Visitors

Salaries.....	\$1,209.90
Expenses.....	213.72
Equipment.....	187.50
Postage and Supplies.....	3.93
Literature Purchased.....	213.66
Printing.....	53.75
Auto Insurance.....	148.10
Investment Expenses.....	53.41
	<hr/> \$2,083.97
Balance, First Month 31, 1939.....	\$1,517.24

WILLIAM F. MAXFIELD,

*Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,

C. WILFRED CONARD,

BENJAMIN F. WHITSON,

### **Report of the Committee Having Charge of Westtown School.**

On Fifth Month 6th Westtown will have completed 140 years of continuous service in the cause of education. During this time, over 15,000 boys and girls have passed through her portals. These young people have, generation by generation, received a sound intellectual training and most of them have found that physical, mental and spiritual balance that goes with a well-rounded life. They have learned the give and take of community living and have with a high degree of consistency been pointed to those things that are good and beautiful. Westtown still strives to provide education of this same fundamental nature.

The present student body numbers 308, of which 234 are boarders and 74 are day pupils. Of the total, approximately two-thirds are Friends and one-third non-Friends. The student body is a cosmopolitan group. Its

members come from 23 States and many parts of Quakerdom. It contains representatives from Japan, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, Hawaii, Germany and Turkey.

Recent additions to the Faculty include Marian Haines, Westtown '34 and Earlham College '38, in Physical Education; Mabel Ridpath, formerly of the Geneva Hostel, in the Lane School; J. Bernard Haviland, Westtown '34 and Princeton '38, in English and Dramatics; and Alexander H. Hay, a Canadian Friend, who has had his education at Earlham, Haverford and Pendle Hill, as an Interne in French. In addition to this list, we have this year Margaret E. Jones of Sibford Friends' School in England as an exchange teacher in Home Economics. This has given us one more binding link with our English cousins.

Our Faculty members were unusually active in travel last summer. Carroll and Anne Brown renewed their studies in the Ancient World by traveling in Greece for practically their entire vacation. Thomas Shipley Brown and Nan Brown spent their summer studying at the American Academy in Rome, while Louis and Ruth Flaccus studied German at Weimar. Eleanor Pusey traveled with her family on the continent and later studied English at the Oxford Summer School. Jessie Gidley Carter had sabbatical leave for a half year traveling in Italy and Greece, and later she joined the Oxford Summer School. Jessie Carter remained in Europe until after the autumn meeting of the Friends' World Conference Continuation Committee, of which she is a member.

Twelve members of the staff engaged in summer study in this country, and James Walker and family took a motor trip to the West Coast visiting among the Alumni of the School.

During the summer holiday, the south porch was enclosed to form the long wished-for social room. This is now called the "South Room" and is proving its usefulness as a place for student socials, for faculty meetings, as a parlor for visiting parents, and for the

language, art and musical clubs which meet alternately on Sixth-day evenings. It adds to both the beauty and spaciousness of the Central Building.

Another important physical improvement has just been completed by the Alumni Association. This is the provision on the first floor of a fire-proof treasure room where manuscripts, costumes, old books, maps and other items of historic interest may be properly stored and exhibited. A large storage space has been provided under the exhibit room and both are air-conditioned so as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of spoiling the material with which we are entrusted. More than 20,000 cards provide reference and cross reference to the items already in hand. The safe care of valuable articles of a historic character has been a problem for many years and much appreciation is due those members of the Association who have pushed through this fine project.

Last Sixth Month, Westtown graduated sixty-six students, nearly all of whom are in college during the current year. A center for College Board Examinations is still maintained and those who take the tests show a good degree of success. Our graduates continue to give a satisfactory account of themselves at college both in curricular and extra-curricular activity. A considerable number have won scholarships and prizes during the past year.

Last Sixth Month one graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bryn Mawr, and was President of the Student Government Association, one from Haverford with a Phi Beta Kappa award in his Junior year, one at the head of her class at Smith, and at least five with honors from other colleges, including Princeton, Wheaton (Mass.), Swarthmore, Mt. Holyoke, and Cornell. We know of six Westonians who have full honor fellowships for advanced work this year of whom one is a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Among the honors won in colleges this year, there is space to mention only one: that a Westtown graduate has been chosen, one of thirty

college students from the whole United States, to be sent to the World Student Christian Movement Conference at Amsterdam next summer.

It is easy to report on changes in staff, improvements to property, and successes in College Board Examinations. It is much harder to give an adequate picture of the daily life of the Westtown community, in which boys and girls are developing new powers, making friendships, growing in understanding of themselves and the greater life of which they are a part. Here lies the chief strength of the boarding school, that it can control to some extent the community in which pupils are being educated and which plays such an important part in the educational process.

The health of the pupils has been unusually good this year. They have shown keen interest in all the opportunities for outdoor sports, especially in using the abundant ice and snow which we have had during the winter months. Improved fields for fall sports have made it possible for five soccer associations and three hockey groups to play at the same time. Pupils have enjoyed, too, the wider countryside on long cross-country hikes, and on trips sponsored by an Alumni Committee under the leadership of Russell Edgerton to points of nearby interest such as Longwood Gardens or Valley Forge. The week-end canoe trips for the Senior boys have been continued with great success, and additional groups of both boys and girls have gone with canoes to the Brandywine for a day's trip.

It is particularly hard to give any report of that part of education which is going on in the class-room, the library, the laboratory. With due allowance for discouragements, now and then, in the effort to make these experiences vital to all pupils, we feel that it has been a good year; failures at the end of the first semester are considerably fewer than any time in the last ten years. This is partly the result of more careful guidance in courses of study and in study habits.

Five students were admitted to the Cum Laude Society this winter, an unusual number for mid-year when the requirements for admission are extremely high.

Westtown, like all other communities, has felt the great pulse of world happenings during the past months. Through lectures, weekly Current Event reports, and discussion groups, the pupils have been kept aware of the tense situations in Central Europe, Spain, Palestine and the Orient. The student Peace Group is one of the most active organizations in the School. Its members are very alert in the study of current events. A number of students have attended the Foreign Policy Meetings and student discussions in Philadelphia. The problems of the refugees have elicited both our sympathy and support.

Needs nearer home claimed the interest of the pupils for their Christmas project this year as they did last. A good many students gathered firewood for poor families in West Chester; others picked apples and helped to prepare in the school kitchen the eighty quarts of apple butter which were taken to social agencies, also in West Chester; still others made dolls and filled stockings for the same purpose.

As we face the tragic problems of the modern world, we realize afresh the need for a deep Christian faith that brings at the same time both courage and a calm resolute peace. In our Meetings, we have frequently been bound together in a fellowship of Divine Love. As a result of the worship, fellowship and religious training which the School provides, we earnestly hope genuine loving-kindness may become one of the characteristics of a large percentage of those who have been privileged to be members of the Westtown Community.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Westtown Committee,

(Signed) D. ROBERT YARNALL,  
*Chairman.*

## FINANCIAL SECTION—WESTTOWN REPORT.

The fiscal year which closed on Sixth Month 30, 1938, saw little change in our generally good financial condition.

Expenses were kept within \$201 of the \$242,637 budgeted, but receipts fell \$1,724 short of expectations, resulting in a deficit of \$1,925 from the year's operations.

Receipts for board and tuition were \$160,840, of which parents paid almost \$125,000 and about \$36,000 was given in scholarships. This includes the Yearly Meeting's appropriation. All of the scholarship grants were to the children of Friends, none being available for non-Friends.

The book value of our endowment funds decreased slightly to \$1,627,231 as of Sixth Month 30, 1938. This produced an income of \$72,312, a little less than last year. There is reason to expect that the income from our invested funds will continue to decline as interest rates decrease, with some debtors deferring their interest payments or defaulting entirely. These losses in income may happily be at least partially offset by receipts of new gifts to become a part of our endowment. During the year now reported on we received \$2,000 from the Class of 1918 in memory of Herbert Willard Oliver, \$2,100 from the Class of 1908, \$1,000 and \$100 respectively under the wills of Lydia C. Lowry and Ezra E. Darnell, and \$2,250 as additional contributions to the 1929 Fund. And since the close of the last fiscal year we have received securities with a current value of about \$100,000 in distribution of the residuary estate of Henry Ecroyd Haines.

The Orchard had a year of small production. This, coupled with low prices resulted in a greatly reduced income as compared with a year ago. Handling costs were also lower but in spite of this the less flexible expenses and depreciations resulted in a net loss of \$1881 for the year.

The Farm operations for this past season have been carried through with a fair degree of satisfaction. The herd continues to be accredited, both for tuberculosis and Bang's disease. The school family consumes nearly

one quart of milk per capita daily, which is twice the average consumption throughout the country. On Fourth Month 1st last year, the poultry industry was discontinued. Beginning Fourth Month 1st this year, the poultry plant will be leased for money rent.

There was harvested this past fall one of the largest yields of potatoes ever grown on the farm, nearly 500 bushels per acre on one field of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Despite low prices, the total crop of 11 acres brought a gross income of over \$2000. Nearly \$1500 was spent on maintenance repairs. In addition to this, there was a profit of \$1745 which has been paid to the School Treasurer against loans made by the General Committee in 1937. These loans amounting to \$4500 have now been reduced to \$755.

The Farm House is operating in much the same manner as in previous years. It is appreciated by those who are connected with the School as well as some who are not. The report of Sixth Month 30, 1938, showed that nearly \$2000 had been put into various maintenance items and that in addition there was a profit of \$304.

The accounts of the Treasurer, including all departments, have been audited by John Heins & Company, certified public accountants. Copies of the complete report of the Treasurer may be secured from him at Room 826, 7 S. Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia.

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### **Report of American Section, Friends World Committee for Consultation.**

March 7, 1939.

D. ROBERT YARNALL, Clerk,  
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of Friends,  
102 E. Mermaid Lane,  
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Dear Friends:*

The Friends World Committee for Consultation, which was proposed by the Friends World Conference in 1937,

has been organized and the first meeting was held at Vallekilde, Denmark, September 12th to 13th, 1938. The following officers were chosen:—

Chairman—Carl Heath, London Yearly Meeting

Vice-Chairmen—

American Section—Anna Griscom Elkinton,  
Phila. Yearly Meeting

European Section—Hans Albrecht, Germany  
Yearly Meeting

Treasurer—Barrow Cadbury, London Yearly Meeting

Assistant Secretary—Helen Peach, London Yearly Meeting.

There are now 42 bodies of Friends represented on the World Committee. The North American continent is represented by 24 Yearly Meetings, the Pacific Coast Association of Friends and the American Friends Service Committee. At the time of writing all but five American Yearly Meetings, Cuba and Mexico have appointed representatives. The American Section of the World Committee met in Washington, D. C., January 21, 1939. The following officers were appointed:—

Chairman—J. Hoge Ricks, Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Five)

Vice-Chairmen—Anna Griscom Elkinton, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Race)

Walter C. Woodward, Indiana  
Yearly Meeting (Five)

Anna Cox Brinton, Philadelphia  
Yearly Meeting (Arch)

Treasurer—Clement M. Biddle, New York Yearly Meeting (Race)

Secretary and Ass't Treas.—Leslie D. Shaffer, Indiana Yearly Meeting (Five)

The Friends World Committee for Consultation affords a channel for world wide movements among

Friends. A calendar of Yearly Meetings throughout the world has been published and distributed. An international bulletin has also been prepared. This is intended to keep us all better informed about each other.

Two significant deputations proposed by the World Conference in 1937 have been completed. A joint delegation of English and American Friends visited the Far East and investigated the possibility of establishing a Friends' Center in Shanghai, China. Harry T. Silcock and Dr. Herbert Hodgkin are now in Shanghai taking the first steps toward establishing that Center.

The joint delegation, which visited South Africa, traveled at least 5,000 miles and interviewed nearly 1,000 representative people, both native and European. The findings of the Commission have been printed and copies of the report sent to each member of the Parliament in South Africa. Many addresses have been given by members of the deputation and a clearer understanding of the conditions in South Africa and our relation to them has been achieved.

An awakened concern for the plight of the refugees was evident when the World Committee met in Vallekilde. A letter was sent to all Yearly Meetings encouraging Friends everywhere to assist the innocent victims of racial discrimination. Friends are urged to establish a better understanding between Jews and Christians and to take advantage of every opportunity to share in the suffering of the persecuted.

1943 has been designated by the World Committee as the appropriate time for the holding of an All-American Friends Conference. A small nucleus Committee has been appointed to consider the initial plans for this gathering.

The World Committee for Consultation seeks to promote a world fellowship of Friends. Its chief functions will be to seek for the spiritual values, which are necessary to regenerate our suffering world. It will strive to develop a sense of loyalty and inter-dependence among Friends everywhere. It will seek to accomplish what

George Fox encouraged in 1657 when he said, "All Friends everywhere meet together and know one another in that which is eternal."

Sincerely,

(Signed) J. HOGE RICKS, (*Per H. S.*), *Chairman*,  
American Section,  
Friends World Committee for Consultation.

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## **Report of the Young Friends Movement.**

*To the Yearly Meeting of 1939:*

During the course of growth and development of any organized movement or society, it becomes necessary to pause occasionally to consider carefully the reasons for the existence of that society, and to question whether it is serving its purpose most effectively. Therefore, in an effort to insure the continued growth and development of a vital Young Friends Movement, we feel that this report to the Yearly Meetings should contain a thorough consideration of the purpose and methods of the Movement.

The basic reason for the existence of the Young Friends Movement is to bring about an awakening or re-birth of spiritual life among the younger members of our Society. When a child is brought up in a Quaker home and attends First-day School and meeting for worship fairly regularly during childhood and adolescence, the foundations should be laid for a mature spiritual life in later years. However, it has been repeatedly shown that very often the maturing of this spiritual life can only be brought about by some force outside his own home or meeting. This does not necessarily mean that our Quaker homes and meetings are failing in their education of young Friends, but that the integration of these early backgrounds must often be accomplished by some new agency. Therefore, we feel that the primary purpose of the Young Friends Move-

ment is to help bring about this integration and intensification of the spiritual life.

The ultimate goal of the Movement is to bring about such spiritual growth that all young Friends will become vitally concerned members of their own meetings and will assume their share of the responsibility for the life of their meetings and communities. Only through the continued effort of younger and older Friends together, united in a common concern for the spiritual life and quality of our meetings, can the Society of Friends avoid stagnation and ineffectiveness.

Today Quaker testimonies are being put to a severe test, and unless these testimonies are the natural outward expression of a deep-rooted religious life, they will not survive the stress of world conflict. One of the most important problems facing the Society is that younger Friends have too little idealism and too little willingness to sacrifice for their ideals. There can be no doubt of a high degree of civic-mindedness among young Friends; but for the Christian idealism and sacrifice that are so urgently needed in the world today, we have to look, for the most part, beyond the borders of our Society of Friends.

The quality and intensity of spiritual life that exist today are largely dependent upon what has gone before. Likewise, the intensity of life in the Society tomorrow may be determined by the depth of conviction of young Friends today. We cannot be satisfied with the *status quo* and continue to call ourselves Christians. We must advance and strive to do our part in taking away the occasion for all war, for all racial hatred, and for all inequality among men. If this is to be an aim of the Society of Friends in the future, it is clear that this future depends upon the spiritual life among our younger members today, and it is the intensification of this life that concerns the Young Friends Movement.

How then can this intensification of the spiritual life best be brought about? We feel very strongly that the most effective method used by the Young Friends Move-

ment toward the solution of this problem is the series of Seminars held each summer. A Seminar consists of a group of fifteen to twenty young people gathered together for a week of corporate worship, study, and recreation. We all recognize the fact that if any corporate group is to experience real spiritual life, there must be a close bond of fellowship existing within the group. The value of a week spent in working and playing together cannot be over-emphasized in developing this close fellowship so essential to the group experience. To many young Friends such fellowship is a new experience, and it has repeatedly been demonstrated that out of this group fellowship has come a deep intensification of the spiritual life of the individual. Many of our younger members who are now active and concerned Friends in their own meetings can look back upon a Seminar as the experience which first brought about a realization of deep conviction in the basic principles of the Society of Friends.

One of the problems we are facing is how we may effectively increase the scope of these Seminars in order to reach more young Friends without destroying the vitality of the group experience. The setting up of a Seminar involves a great deal of work on the part of the Committee and of the Executive Secretary. A group with varied backgrounds and differing interests who are concerned about the same problem must be selected. Adequate leadership for this problem must be secured, and a suitable place arranged. Those attending must arrange their vacations well in advance. Furthermore, the group must be severely limited in number if there is to be real fellowship. The Committee is convinced that a full week is needed to develop the group experience to such an extent that spiritual unity may become a reality for all members of the Seminar. For these reasons, the number of Seminars held during the summer months has been limited, and only a small fraction of all our younger members can have the opportunity to attend a Seminar. We believe that if the great majority of young

Friends could experience this group life, there could be real growth in the Society of Friends. How we can meet this problem more effectively is one of our greatest concerns.

Many people feel that if a young Friend is not a member of the Executive Committee, he is not a member of the Movement. If the primary reason for the existence of the Movement is to help bring about an integration and intensification of the spiritual life of the younger members of our Society, it becomes clear that all young Friends are within the Movement. It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to provide the organization necessary to bring about a wider fellowship among all young Friends, and to provide the channels through which young Friends may come to know the true meaning and implication of Quakerism. This includes the planning for Seminars, conferences, and many local young Friends gatherings, and co-operation with Yearly Meeting and other groups and special concerns.

In order to increase the effectiveness of the Executive Committee in reaching out to more widely scattered groups, the Yearly Meeting area has been divided into nine geographic districts, and efforts are being made to organize these districts. This year representatives to the Executive Committee have been appointed by five of these districts, instead of by the standing nominating committee of the Movement, as was formerly done. It is our hope that in the future organization can be continued in all these districts and that the remaining four will also appoint their own representatives. We believe that this procedure will improve the representation of the Executive Committee and will bring these districts into closer contact with the Movement as a whole, thus enabling it to carry on its task more effectively.

In conclusion we wish to emphasize again that the quality of life of the Society of Friends in the future depends directly upon the breadth and intensity of spiritual life in the Society today, especially among younger Friends. Therefore, we feel that the one great concern

of the Young Friends Movement is the awakening and intensification of this life among young Friends, and that every activity of the Movement should be directed toward the attainment of this end.

### FACTS ABOUT THE YOUNG FRIENDS MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

During the last few years the Young Friends Movement has been making a determined effort to decentralize. As a result, the only activities centering in Philadelphia are: a few committee meetings, because of central location; some of the recreation activities; the meetings centering around Yearly Meeting—Supper Conferences, William Penn Lecture, Young Friends Meeting for Worship; occasional meetings on special concerns, due, again, to central location; and the office.

#### *Decentralization—*

This process of decentralization has continued in the past year in the following ways:

Many First-day Meetings have been visited by groups of young Friends, the members of the Executive or Local Meetings Committee visiting all the Meetings in a given district on the same First-day.

Both the Executive and the Local Meetings Committees hold many of their meetings in different parts of the Yearly Meeting in order to have local young Friends meet with them.

This year each Monthly Meeting has been asked to appoint its Young Friends Movement Correspondent.

A large number of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings have considered the report of the Movement to the 1938 Yearly Meetings. For many of these discussions, a leader was provided by the Movement.

Local young Friends groups frequently request leaders. These are supplied by the office or the Executive Committee.

We are working on district organization. Five of our

nine "districts" have appointed representatives to the Executive Committee.

A series of three study courses is being prepared for use by local young Friends' groups, with leadership provided when desired.

The Movement sponsored a meeting arranged by the young Friends in the Philadelphia district for young Friends, and young people interested in Quakerism, who are living temporarily in the city. Through this meeting, and the continuing concern of the Philadelphia young Friends, several of these young people are finding their places in Philadelphia Meetings.

#### *General Fellowship—*

In addition to the above activities, the Movement plans many occasions for general fellowship, providing opportunities afforded through no other channels, as follows:

Seminars in the summer of 1938:

"My Place in My Meeting," led by Rachel R. Cadbury.

"The Quaker Basis for Pacifism," led by William I. and Hannah Clothier Hull.

"Mystical Experience and Practical Brotherhood, a Study of the Beloved Community," led by Margaret M. Cary.

Total attendance—thirty-eight.

Annual Mid-winter Conference: "The Refugee—Our Responsibility."

Two evening meetings on pacifism led by:

Wilmer Young.

Thomas and Florence Potts.

At 1938 Yearly Meetings:

William Penn Lecture in co-operation with Arch Street Religious Education Committee.

Howard H. Brinton: "Divine-Human Society."

Annual Young Friends Meeting for Worship.  
 Four Supper Conferences.  
 Total attendance—225.

Planned by Recreation Committee:

Five dances.  
 Two picnics.  
 Four camp week-ends.

*Other Activities—*

Six educational letters to total membership of 3186.  
 News bulletin sent regularly to active mailing list.  
 Continuation of work on:

Book of Meetings.

Source Book (excerpts from early Quaker Writings).

Participation in the International Young Friends Conference in Kent, England, by three members of the Movement.

Co-operation with various Yearly Meeting and other concerns, such as:

Pendle Hill.

American Friends Service Committee Refugee Committee.

Bedford Center.

Yearly Meeting Peace Committee.

Marriage Council.

Youth Committee Against War.

Total number of young Friends between ages of 18 and 35:

Race Street.....	2074
Arch Street.....	1112
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	3186

Number of young Friends on active mailing list... 575

Number between ages of 18 and 25..... 297

The greater proportion of the balance are between 25 and 28.

*Seminar Statistics for 1933-1938—*

Total number of Seminars held.....	15
Total number in attendance.....	211
Number between ages of 18 and 25.....	86
Number between ages of 25 and 30.....	68
Number of non-Friends.....	26
Number of Yearly Meetings represented.....	18
Number of Philadelphia Meetings represented...	49

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

ANNE E. WILLIS,  
*Chairman.*

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1938.

*Receipts.**1939 Budget*

## Income: Yearly Meeting Appropriations:

Race Street.....	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Arch Street.....	600.00	800.00
(\$200 received in advance, Dec., 1937.)		
	—————	\$2,100.00

## Contributions:

Active (young) Friends..\$	649.88	600.00
Co-operative.....	986.00	800.00
(older Friends)	—————	1,635.88
Contributions for specific projects.....		175.00

## Receipts toward various activities:

Seminars.....\$	297.14	300.00
Suppers and Conferences	241.82	250.00
Recreation.....	512.94	500.00
(self-supporting)		
Books.....	45.85	50.00

Library Fund.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
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Miscellaneous.....	\$1,122.75	
	54.93	

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	\$4,913.56	\$5,000.00

*Expenditures.*

Salaries.....	\$2,525.00	\$2,460.00
Office expenses.....	588.56	500.00
(stationery, telephone, postage, etc.)		
Traveling Expenses.....	249.52	300.00
Publicity.....	121.73	100.00
Suppers and conferences...	171.91	200.00
American Young Friends Fellowship Conference..		100.00
Seminars.....	335.19	300.00
Books.....	42.83	50.00
Recreation.....	520.81	500.00
(self-supporting)		
Special projects:		400.00
International Young Friends Conference...	310.00	
German Fund.....	172.00	
Room 5.....	4.10	
Library Fund.....		25.00
William Penn Lecture.....	12.50	13.00
Miscellaneous expenditures	12.16	52.00
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	\$5,066.31	\$5,000.00

Deficit for Year—\$152.75

*Balances.*

Cash on hand 12/31/37.....	\$35.06
Less loans outstanding 12/31/37.....	60.00
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	\$ 24.94
Deficit for year (as above).....	\$152.75
Deficit 12/31/38.....	\$177.69

Made up as follows:

Cash on hand.....	\$ 32.31
Loans unpaid.....	210.00
	—————\$177.69

DAVID C. ELKINTON,  
*Treasurer.*

Accounts audited and found correct.

JOHN W. CADBURY, JR.,  
JAMES D. HULL, JR.,  
*Auditors.*

#### ADDENDUM

Since the printing of the foregoing report, the Executive Committee of the Young Friends Movement has been greatly concerned about the question of financial responsibility and the future of our Society. We believe there is great need for all members of the Society to feel the urgency of our message and work in the world to such an extent that they shall be willing to practice some self-denial in order to enable the Society to finance adequately those concerns for which it feels a responsibility. At a time when Yearly Meeting incomes are decreasing, it is imperative that the membership of the Yearly Meetings should resolve on a more general participation in financial contribution to the Society. The Executive Committee is aware of the burden that now rests on the Yearly Meetings, and is concerned both to make young Friends aware of their financial responsibility to their Monthly Meetings, and to co-operate with other committees having the same concern.

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### **Report of Yearly Meeting Representatives in the Young Friends Movement.**

*To the Yearly Meeting:*

In these days when the very foundations of our secular life are being questioned, the need for being "rooted" and "grounded" in an external order that gives direction

to us as individuals and as members of a group cannot be over-emphasized. The Yearly Meeting Representatives to the Young Friends Movement continue to be impressed by the serious concern which the members of the Young Friends' Executive Committee have for the spiritual deepening of young Friends and for the entire Society.

The activities of the Movement are quite unspectacular. The new vision, the increased spiritual vitality that Young Friends' Seminars give to the young Friends who attend them cannot be revealed in a statistical report, but many times it is evidenced in the increased share that young Friends take in the life of their local meetings or in social concerns. The fellowship that comes from contact with a group of common searchers after truth cannot easily be described. Its results are often intangible and may only be revealed over a period of years, or in time of crisis. These experiences are not likely to have an appeal to young Friends who haven't an initial interest in them or who haven't a feeling of dissatisfaction with themselves or with things as they are. Each local Monthly Meeting has its own responsibility for quickening young Friends into spiritual growth and for providing the kind of fellowship where they may be nurtured and deepened. The Young Friends Movement cannot be expected to do this alone, and without any question the level of life within the local meetings very definitely effects the life of the Young Friends Movement. Young Friends long for fellowship with older Friends who are spiritually alive, and whose lives bear out the counsel they give.

We would encourage Overseers to examine what opportunities their local meeting provides for this mutually helpful fellowship. The day of family visiting has almost passed, when in the course of a year nearly every family entertained, or was entertained by, at least half of the Meeting. Gathered together by generous hospitality, these small groups shared not only their homes and their bountiful meals, but their experiences and their in-

terests, and thus naturally older and younger Friends became acquainted. Social and intellectual fellowship are a good foundation upon which to build spiritual fellowship. Your Yearly Meeting representatives feel that young Friends of today miss these opportunities of previous generations of our Society, and that consequently meetings should be alert to every means for providing all ages of our membership with the solidarity of a common experience worthy of the best thought and effort of the entire group.

While the Young Friends Movement's chief objective is the "awakening of the spiritual life among young Friends" they are not unaware of, nor insensitive to what needs to be done in the field of social endeavor. Many members of the Executive Committee and other young Friends are taking an active share in such enterprises as the Co-operative Movement, settlement houses, prison reform and maternity health clinics, and while the Movement has neither the facilities nor the time to sponsor all of these concerns, it encourages young Friends to seek outlets for their social interests in these activities or in the Work Camps of the American Friends' Service Committee. Some young Friends have taken advantage of the opportunity of attending winter or summer sessions at Pendle Hill. It is the hope of the Yearly Meeting representatives that more young Friends may be helped by local meeting groups to make this privilege possible. This is a deep concern with us because, as we view the innumerable opportunities for leadership which events or recent years have given to the Society of Friends, we realize that much of the responsibility for meeting this challenge will eventually rest upon those who are young Friends today.

It is often very difficult for older members of the Society to be willing to allow young Friends to develop their own concerns. It is quite understandable that in this day the problem of the refugees, or a concern for the development of the spiritual basis for peace and international good-will may gain precedence over some

other traditional concerns or testimonies of the Society. But Friends from earliest times have stressed the necessity for an "experimental" religion, where each generation must search for its own light and make its contribution in its own way. It is the responsibility of parents and of local meeting groups to make every effort to clarify and explain the basis of our traditional concerns and testimonies to young Friends, but once we have done that we must trust them enough to be willing to let them follow out what to them is of first importance.

(Signed) DOROTHY M. STEERE,  
*Chairman of the Arch Street  
 Yearly Meeting Representatives.*

MARIA M. ALBERTSON,  
 HOWARD G. TAYLOR, JR.

(Signed) WM. C. BIDDLE,  
 MABEL W. FRASER,  
 ALICE M. LONGSHORE,  
 FRANK W. ATKINSON.

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## Memorial Minute.

WILLIAM C. ALLEN.

The following verses written by William C. Allen on the fly-leaf of his little Bible, express the prayer-life which we believe was his:

May this little book assist me,  
 In my daily, ceaseless strife,  
 And, O Father, wilt Thou teach me,  
 As I read these words of life;  
 May they prove to me a portal  
 Through which Thy love is revealed;  
 Help me to a crown immortal,  
 Keep me close to Christ, my Shield.

William C. Allen belonged to the seventh generation of descendants from Nathaniel Allen, who was one of

Penn's Commissioners to lay out the City of Philadelphia, and came in 1681 to this country from Bristol, England. On other lines William had Friendly and Episcopal ancestors, and culturally he inherited from both. His parents were Richard J. and Mary Dutton Allen, and William was born Third Month 9, 1857, in a house on the Lane, at Westtown School, Penna., where his father was a teacher.

The direction of William Allen's own life developed gradually. He himself used to tell how it was his boyhood ambition to be a police officer. Then, having dipped into a volume of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane's voyages, he resolved to become an Arctic explorer. Still later, he perused the journals of Friends, and determined that he would *never* be a Quaker preacher! Unforeseen then, were the long journeys he was to make, traveling always at his own expense, to tell the Good News of Christ, and to further the cause of Peace.

Physical handicaps resulting from illness which prostrated him as a youth, prevented his receiving much formal education, and laid serious obstacles in his path, both as a traveler and as a writer; but he persevered. And here one would recall the statement of his friend and traveling companion, William B. Harvey, that he was often able to do in his weakness what a well man would hardly have thought possible.

About the twenty-first year of his age, he tells, "I was mightily affected by the remembrance of the love of Jesus Christ for mankind, and I resolved to follow Him, and serve Him, as best I could."

In 1883 he married Elizabeth C. Bromley, whose loyal and unfailing support, through heights and through depths, did much to help him realize his life objectives. He was active in business until about the year 1907. He first spoke in the ministry at the age of twenty-eight. For over fifty years he was one of the Managing Board of *The Friend*.

Since, for reasons of health, Colorado and California were for years his residence, for long periods he was

separated from his own Yearly Meeting and from his home Friends. Consequently his work was not so well known to us, as to many religious leaders and pastors in the Middle West, with whom he tirelessly co-operated. Many are the testimonials of their appreciation of his Christian leadership.

He sought, however, to keep contact with Friends on the Atlantic seaboard by letters and by occasional visits. He was deeply interested in several of the Committees of our Yearly Meeting, and one, the Extension Committee, began its service eighteen years ago from an earnest concern of his for the carrying of the message to the millions.

Merely to enumerate William Allen's journeys to preach Christ and to carry the message of peace gives an idea of his faithfulness in putting principle into action. He frequently went back and forth across the Atlantic; he traveled twice to Japan and China, thrice to South Africa, and four times to Australia and New Zealand. He once spent a month in Java. He was willing to seek interviews with those in places of authority, and to set before them with great seriousness of purpose, but often with a touch of humor that won a hearing, the deep Christian concern which prompted all his peace activity. He wrote constantly for magazines and newspapers, pointing the way to peace. His book, "War—Behind the Smoke Screen," is his best-known general contribution to knowledge in the field of war and peace.

During months of great prostration and suffering which immediately preceded his death, some cloud at times seemed to dim his hope and even his faith, but before the end all brightened. He sent his love to his Friends. His death occurred on Eleventh Month 14, 1938, at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. He was in the eighty-second year of his age, and had been a minister for over fifty years.

May we be as faithful to the call to witness in our generation to the essential truth that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overpowered it."

## General Epistle and Outgoing Letters

*(In the following copies of the letters, other than the General Epistle, the formal words preceding the signatures and the signatures of the Clerks are not repeated.)*

THE GENERAL EPISTLE FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF  
THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF PHILADEL-  
PHIA AND VICINITY, HELD AT FOURTH AND ARCH  
STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, THIRD  
MONTH 27 TO 31, 1939.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:—

*Dear Friends:*

As the letters from your distant Yearly Meetings have been read in our Yearly Meeting at this time, we have been bowed under a sense of the suffering of others in many parts of the world.

We would humbly and briefly express, as best we may, our sense of brotherhood with you.

In times of great darkness, it sometimes gives light to remember that our own Lord and Leader had His hour of near despair: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Jesus offered as penetrating a solution of the mystery of suffering as anyone who ever lived, and in the full acceptance of it, left with us this triumphant word—"Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

In the perspective of history, that ultimate triumph is sure. Love *must* win. The seed of God in every man can be reached in every man by love. Defeat lies in allowing hate to enter the heart. Teach us, O Lord, to fulfill thy law, and to love our enemies, bless them that curse us, and pray for those who despitefully use us. So shall we be more than conquerors in Thy name.

We blame ourselves for many errors in our own coun-

try. Change is going on so rapidly that we can hardly keep pace. Old securities are being everywhere swept aside. We meet the need of others most imperfectly. But let us clasp hands across all barriers as servants of the same Master. Not yet ourselves severely tested, we seek your strength and leadership. We honor you in your time of trial. One of our Negro spirituals expresses our deep longing:

"It's not my brother but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer."

In our great fellowship of silent Worship, pray for us.  
We pray for you.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Third Month 27th to 31st, inclusive, 1939.

((To be Signed) D. ROBERT YARNALL,  
*Presiding Clerk.*

" CAROLINE L. NICHOLSON,  
*Recording Clerk.*

EDWARD W. EVANS,  
Secretary of the Yearly Meeting,  
304 Arch Street, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

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#### LETTER TO AMERICAN YEARLY MEETINGS.

Third Month 31, 1939.

*Dear Friends:*

We on this continent share in a sense of greater security than those abroad. But we shall be shaken as they are shaken. Our brotherhood at this time must be close. We share with you our General Epistle.

With love, your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO DENMARK YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

With our General Epistle, we wish to send you a special message.

These are times that test our faith. We are encouraged by the example that you set of calmness in the face of difficulties. We pray that you and we may be given strength to adhere faithfully to the way of creative Love, which, we are assured, will overcome the world.

With love, your friends.

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Third Month 31, 1939.

TO THE FRENCH YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

In sending you our General Epistle, we desire also to send you a special greeting. Through our Friends Allen and Helen Hole, we have felt deeply interested in you and in the development of the France Yearly Meeting.

We have felt increasingly this year that the present is part of eternity and that we must live now as children of God. Our plans may fail; our hopes may be disappointed. Our trust is in our Heavenly Father. We can leave the outcome to Him.

In these days our principle of love is particularly important. In our country, as in yours, fear of war threatens to undermine the very liberties we have cherished in both countries. We are engaged in service of national as well as supra-national significance in upholding our principle of respect for the Divine Spark in every human being. We ask you to help and encourage us in this task which we share with you.

With love, your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO THE GERMAN YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

In these days, fellowship and interknittedness, (*Gemeinschaft und Verbundenheit*), through that which is Eternal, are a necessary and a genuine reality. In that Life and in that Love wherein we may place our hands trustingly, like children in the hands of a Father, we send our love and encouragement to you. Together in that Love we would walk trustingly, with you, into the unknown future, "for Thou art with me," assured that nothing can separate us from that victorious Love.

We are, with love, your friends.

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Third Month 31, 1939.

TO JAPAN YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY  
OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

You have been in our minds much during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting. Conflict and destruction stalk the earth more widely now than at any time since 1918. It is probable that in volume, the devastation is far worse now than then. Freedom seems lost suddenly to men and women who love it as a precious treasure.

From our place of comparative safety, we feel almost prohibited from offering any advice to others in the midst of suffering, but we want you to know that we think of you and appreciate gratefully your triumphant courage in the name of Christ.

Very sincerely your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO THE NETHERLANDS YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

Our thoughts have turned often to you. Our Friends Howard and Katherine Elkinton have found your hospitality refreshing and helpful. So have many victims of the tragedies that now darken the world.

With our gratitude for what you have done and are doing goes the hope that you and we may be faithful to the Light that is given us, and that we may not fail to manifest the patient forbearing Love which, we are promised, will overcome the world.

With love, your friends.

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Third Month 31, 1939.

TO NORWAY YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

We send warm greetings of love and fellowship to the Quaker group in Norway, and rejoice with you that your long-established group is being strengthened by new members. We unite in the belief that just as new growth in the world of Nature is manifested by new saplings, so growth in the Society of Friends is revealed by new groups of Friends in all parts of the world, dedicated to live by the will of God. May your group continue to grow in strength and depth of understanding in the years to come.

With an ever deepening awareness of our helplessness without the guiding light of the Spirit, we pray that the bonds of love and fellowship uniting us may be strengthened continually, and in that strength may we gain new courage to carry on the glorious work of our Heavenly Father.

We are, with love, your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO FRIENDS IN PRAGUE AND VICINITY:—

*Dear Friends:*

We have often thought of you with deep affection. Our Yearly Meeting has wished to send you a special word of greeting.

Much that we had hoped for has failed. We have been reminded that even Jesus felt the agony of despair. But he triumphed over the despair. We have prayed that we, and our Friends in other lands, may be upheld by faith in Him who said, "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

With love, your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO THE SOUTH AFRICA GENERAL MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

We send you a special word of greeting and appreciation for your message concerning our Friends, Rufus M. and Elizabeth B. Jones. Their visit, with Thomas E. and Esther B. Jones, to South Africa and their reports to us of contacts with Friends during their stay have continued the fellowship begun at the Friends World Conference and we are glad that their services have been acceptable among you.

It is our earnest hope that groups of Friends scattered throughout the world be given strength to carry on in spite of difficulties and we may continue, as far as is possible, to walk cheerfully, answering that of God in every man.

We are, with love, your friends,

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO FRIENDS AND THOSE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH  
THEM IN SPAIN:—

*Dear Friends:*

As well as sending you our General Epistle, we are anxious to address you individually.

The agony and ruin in which many of you are working must often strain you to the breaking point. We feel keenly this side of your service.

As these lines are written, we learn that Spain has once more a single Government. For the head of it, as of our own, we pray for wisdom and understanding of his great responsibilities. And for you, every one, we desire guidance and strength, that you may be to God as a man's hand is to a man.

Please know that we have been thinking of you.

With love, your friends.

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March 31, 1939.

TO THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN SWEDEN:—

*Dear Friends:*

To you, one of the youngest Yearly Meetings of the Society of Friends, we send warm greetings of love and fellowship. We unite in the belief that just as growth in the world of Nature is manifested by new saplings, so growth in the Society of Friends is revealed by new groups of Friends in all parts of the world, dedicated to live by the will of God. May your little group continue to grow in strength and depth of understanding in the years to come.

With an ever deepening awareness of our helplessness without the guiding light of the Spirit, we pray that the bonds of love and fellowship uniting us may be strengthened continually, and in that strength may we gain new courage to carry on the glorious work of our Heavenly Father.

We are, with love, your friends.

Third Month 31, 1939.

TO SYRIA AND PALESTINE YEARLY MEETING OF THE  
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

Your letter received the interest and attention of our Yearly Meeting.

The covering of outreaching sympathy, which overspread the Meeting, gave to its deliberations an atmosphere of depth and solemnity. Thus, although we and you are far separated, the spirit spans the gulf and carries a message from heart to heart.

By your fortitude and faith you are bearing again in His own land the Cross of Christ through which, we believe, the world of evil should at last be overcome.

We are, with love, your friends.

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Third Month 31, 1939.

TO SZECHWAN YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:—

*Dear Friends:*

Your letter, dated Second Month 11, 1939, reached us in time to be read at the first session of our Yearly Meeting. This message, coming so quickly and from a group faced with difficulty and danger, has brought a special note of blessing into our deliberations.

Your courage in the face of danger, your abiding faith in the power of love in spite of invading armies, are not easy to maintain. As Children of the Light you are walking fearlessly in the world, saying with John Woolman: "I saw this habitation to be safe,—to be inwardly quiet when there were great stirrings and commotions in the world." Never before have there been so many stirrings and commotions around us. Never before have we needed so desperately the fearlessness and steadfastness of George Fox, the gentleness and love of Francis of Assisi, the wisdom and forgiveness of Jesus

of Nazareth. Their way lies on one hand and the way of force and hatred on the other. Many have chosen the latter path. May you be strengthened and upheld in your endeavor to follow the "more excellent way," and may your habitation indeed be safe, your hearts filled with the peace which the world cannot give.

We bear your little band of valiant seekers after truth in our hearts.

We are, with love, your friends,

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Third Month 31, 1939.

TO FRIENDS IN VIENNA:—

*Dear Friends:*

We have followed with appreciation and sympathy the progress and development of your group in Vienna in this past stirring and perplexing year. The forming of your new ties with Friends in Germany through your active participation in the life of the German Yearly Meeting is a source of deep interest to us. Our special greetings are sent to you. In that communion of the spirit which overcomes all differences we would bind ourselves together with you in the search for the path through the night of darkness to the new day.

We are, with love, your friends.

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Third Month 31, 1939.

DR. WILLIAM W. AND CATHARINE B. CADBURY,  
Lingnan University, Canton, China:—

*Dear Friends:*

In the first session of our Yearly Meeting this week, following the summary of incoming Epistles, your names were brought before us in tender love. We feel ourselves unable to imagine how we should carry on if all the normal life about us collapsed as it has about you. From our place of comparative safety, we are unfit to

claim any understanding of the suffering and the difficulty, but we want you to know of our interest and sympathy.

From the depths of our hearts we appreciate gratefully your triumphant courage, and are with love, your friends.

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# LETTER FROM SZECHWAN YEARLY MEETING.

*(Received too late for inclusion in  
Report of Epistle Committee.)*

Chengtú, Szechwan, China,  
February 11, 1939.

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:—

Once again we have met under the shadow of war—a shadow that has grown blacker and more menacing to us here in West China. A year ago the invader had not advanced far from the sea, but now our own cities know the terror and destruction that stalks at noon-day. Sometimes we have cried out with Job: "I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me; I stand up and thou opposest me."

It has been our privilege to offer hospitality to refugees and succor to war victims, and we strive to do all in the spirit of love that can bind up wounds without hatred of the perpetrator of the strife.

In our Yearly Meeting we have faced the need of greater consecration, of a closer relationship with our Master, both as a stay for our souls in time of trial and as a basis for the solution of the practical problems that come before us. There were two high points in our Meetings: one was in the session devoted to the discussion of the spread of our Message, when we felt the need for more Friends with a concern to give themselves to this work. The other came when we were brought face to face with our peace testimony. In war time the problem of military training in the schools becomes par-

ticularly difficult, but we sought our solution not only in discussion but in a time of quietness when we felt for the leading of the Spirit, which we believe was not denied us.

Our thoughts were not entirely of ourselves. We remembered Spain and those countries where liberty is unknown, where people are persecuted because of race or conscience. The world seems full of difficulty and evil, but we are glad to feel ourselves a part of the world-wide fellowship of the "Children of Light." Let us not be discouraged by the fewness of our numbers, but let us go forward in the full confidence that love is stronger than hate and can transform the world.

Signed for and on behalf of Szechwan Yearly Meeting of Friends,

F. L. YANG,

S. F. DU,

*Clerks.*

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# LISTS OF MEMBERS

## OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AND YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

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### Members of the Representative Meeting.

*The term of appointment for members of the Representative Meeting is six years. The terms of present members, both appointees by the Yearly Meeting and those by the Quarterly Meetings, are as indicated at the head of each column.*

1934 - 1940

1937 - 1943

#### *Yearly Meeting.*

JAMES G. BIDDLE  
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J. EDGAR RHOADS  
JONATHAN M. STEERE  
JOSEPH STOKES  
AGNES L. TIERNEY  
ANNA WALTON  
MARY R. WILLIAMS  
NANCY MORRIS WOOD  
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ALFRED C. GARRETT  
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WILLIAM B. HARVEY  
WALTER W. HAVILAND  
JOHN R. HENDRICKSON  
M. ALBERT LINTON  
WALTER L. MOORE  
HOWARD G. TAYLOR, JR.  
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KATHERINE E. KIRK

#### *Abington Quarter.*

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*Concord Quarter.*

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*Caln Quarter.*

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*Burlington and Bucks Quarter.*

MARY BROWN MOON	GEORGE W. BALDERSTON
R. BARCLAY MOON	JAMES W. EDGERTON

*Haddonfield and Salem Quarter.*

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WILLIAM E. RHOADS	GEORGE BACON

**Committees.**

*Terms of appointment are as indicated under the titles of the respective Committees.*

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**Yearly Meeting Representatives on the  
American Friends Service Committee.**

1937 - 1940.

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J. PASSMORE ELKINTON	ESTHER MORTON SMITH
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EDWARD W. EVANS	FREDERICK W. SWAN
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EDITH W. HALL	ERNEST N. VOTAW
WILLIAM C. IVINS	BERNARD G. WARING
LOUISA M. JACOB	RICHARD R. WOOD

**Committee on Arrangements.**

1939 - 1940

C. WILFRED CONARD	RICHARD R. WOOD
SUSAN J. DEWEES	

*Ex-officio Members:* The two Clerks and the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting; the Chairmen of the following Committees: Indian Committee, Peace Committee, Race Relations Committee, Religious Education Committee, Social Order Committee, Mission Board, Council on Education, Friends' Freedmen's Association, Friends' Temperance Association, and Young Friends Movement.

**Committee on Audit and Budget.**

1939 - 1940.

HORACE M. BURTON	JOSEPH H. HAINES
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**Committee on Church Unity.**

1938 - 1941

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WM. E. CADBURY	WILLIAM B. HARVEY
BERTHA J. CLEMENT	WALTER W. HAVILAND
C. WILFRED CONARD	MORRIS LINTON
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WILLIAM BACON EVANS	D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD
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1939 - 1942

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HENRY V. GUMMERE	ALFRED L. TEST
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*Co-opted by the Committee:*

LEONARD S. KENWORTHY

**Council on Education.**

1939 - 1942

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HAROLD EVANS	FRANCES R. MARSHALL
MABEL B. LAWRENCE	HOWARD G. PLATT
MARTHA C. H. SWAN	

*Co-opted by the Council:*

E. NEWBOLD COOPER  
HARRIS G. HAVILAND

**Committee on Epistles.**

1939 - 1940

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EMMA CADBURY, JR.	AGNES L. TIERNEY
THOMAS R. KELLY	ELIZABETH GRAY VINING
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1939 - 1940

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PAUL W. GOULDING	EVAN B. SHARPLESS
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1938 - 1941

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FRANKLIN S. HILLES	J. HENRY SCATTERGOOD
WALTER P. HUTTON	JESSE SHARPLESS
J. ROBERT JAMES	EMMA SMEDLEY
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WILLIAM M. MAIER	ALFRED G. STEER
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EDWARD R. MOON	MARTHA C. WICKERSHAM

**Committee on Five Years Meeting Invitation.**

Appointed 1937

J. HENRY BARTLETT	ROBERT H. MARIS
JAMES W. EDGERTON	CAROLINE L. NICHOLSON
J. PASSMORE ELKINTON	JOSEPH E. PLATT
PAUL J. FURNAS	RICHARD H. RHOADS
OLIVE R. HAVILAND	JAMES G. VAIL, Chairman
NAOMI B. KELSEY	FLORENCE P. YARNALL

**Committee to Confer with Friends Fellowship Council.**

1939 - 1940

ESTHER LINTON DUKE	PAUL J. FURNAS
EDWARD W. EVANS	RUTH OUTLAND MARIS
EDITH CHAMBERS RHOADS	

**Representation in Joint Executive Committee of Friends' Temperance Association.**

1938 - 1941

BERTHA BALDERSTON	ELLA H. LLEWELLYN
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MARY E. COPPOCK	A. ERNEST NICHOLSON
DOROTHY M. EDGERTON	LUELLA H. NOLAN
EDWIN B. FORSYTHE	MABEL D. PENNOCK
R. WILFRED KELSEY	THOMAS L. SHANNON, JR.
BENJAMIN F. WHITSON	

**Indian Committee.**

1939 - 1940

ALICE BALDERSTON	WILLIAM B. RHOADS
HANNAH G. DEWEES	DOROTHY D. SCATTERGOOD
JOSEPH S. EVANS	ROLAND E. SHARPLESS
CARRIE R. HARVEY	JONATHAN M. STEERE
MABEL B. HOYLE	HOWARD G. TAYLOR, JR.
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LAWRENCE E. LINDLEY	S. FRANCIS WALTON
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**Lunch Committee.**

1936 - 1940

1938 - 1942

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RUTH PALMER SHARPLESS	

*Advisory Board*

1938 - 1942

ALBERTUS HOYLE	RICHARD R. WOOD
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**Marriage Council.**

1939 - 1942

G. RICHARD BACON	ESTHER TAYLOR MARSHALL
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1938 - 1941

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**Standing Nominating Committee.**

1937 - 1940

1938 - 1941

1939 - 1942

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HENRY E. KIRK

ANNA K. SAVERY  
DOROTHY M. STEERE

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ELISABETH T. ROBERTS

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EMMA SMEDLEY

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JOHN A. STRATTON

DAVID R. RICHIE  
HENRY C. HOLLOWELL  
CATHERINE B. SWIFT

*Caln Quarter.*

LAURA THOMAS EDGE

OSCAR H. MOORE

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*Western Quarter.*

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ALICE BALDERSTON

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*Haddonfield and Salem Quarter.*

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GRACE E. RHOADS, JR.

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ANNA E. SHARPLESS

**Peace Committee.**

1939 - 1942

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JOHN B. RHOADS  
ALFRED G. SCATTERGOOD  
ROGER SCATTERGOOD  
EVA T. STANTON  
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1939 - 1942

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ELMA B. M. HOLLOWAY	JOSEPH A. VANSANT
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THOMAS E. JONES	ETHEL M. WHITSON
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**Committee on Religious Education.**

1939 - 1942

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MARGARET M. CARY	CAROLINE L. NICHOLSON
CHARLES S. CONARD	CHARLES W. PALMER
EMMA D. CONROY	ANNE W. PENNELL
ALICE W. COPE	EDITH S. PLATT
PAUL M. COPE	RUTH C. ROBERTS
DOROTHY M. DAVISON	ALICE SMEETH
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CYRIL H. HARVEY	GRACE W. WARING
HARRIS G. HAVILAND	HORACE D. WEBSTER
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**Special Committee on Financial Conditions  
of Yearly Meeting Schools.**

Appointed 1936

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AGNES N. STOKES	

## Committee on Appointment of Yearly Meeting Secretary.

1939 - 1940

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FRANCIS R. TAYLOR	

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1939 - 1942

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### *Co-opted by the Committee:*

ELLEN STARR BRINTON  
JAMES A. NORTON  
MARION S. NORTON  
ROGER SCATTERGOOD

## Representatives in Joint Social Service Committee.

1938 - 1941

SARAH R. BENSON	DANA G. HOW
ELMA B. M. HOLLOWAY	HELEN S. PENNOCK
IRMGARD W. TAYLOR	

**Westtown School Committee.**

1939 - 1942

*Philadelphia Quarter.*

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WILLIAM W. COMFORT	WILLIAM M. MAIER
E. NEWBOLD COOPER	FRANCES ELKINTON STOKES
ERNEST J. DEWEES	RICHARD M. SUTTON
RUTH C. DEWEES	ESTHER W. THOMAS

*Abington Quarter.*

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ALBERT L. HILLES, JR.	D. ROBERT YARNALL
EDNA PARKER MIFFLIN	ELIZABETH B. YARNALL

*Concord Quarter.*

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JOHN D. CARTER	EDITH C. RHODS
ESTHER LINTON DUKE	SELMA T. STEER
PAUL J. FURNAS	CATHERINE B. SWIFT
ARTHUR E. JAMES	JAMES G. VAIL

*Western Quarter.*

MARY HUGHES EWING	EVAN B. SHARPLESS
RUTH B. LIPPINCOTT	HOWARD W. WICKERSHAM

*Caln Quarter.*

MARY B. BROWN	MARY M. DAVIS
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*Burlington and Bucks Quarter.*

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JOSEPH J. EDGERTON	EDWARD R. MOON
MARIAN L. IVINS	JANE MOON SNIPES

*Haddonfield and Salem Quarter.*

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LEWIS W. BARTON	JEANETTE F. HAINES
WALTER J. BUZBY	NATHAN L. JONES
ANNA M. DARNELL	WILLIAM F. OVERMAN
HOWARD C. DARNELL	WILLIAM E. RHOADS
ELIZ. W. R. ELKINTON	ARTHUR L. RICHIE
EZRA EVANS	BENJAMIN J. ROBERTS
(President of Westtown School Alumni Association, member ex-officio: CARROLL T. BROWN.)	

**Representatives on Friends World Committee  
for Consultation.**

1939 - 1940

ANNA HARTSHORNE BROWN

*Alternate: Helen Bell Hole***Yearly Meeting Representatives in Young  
Friends' Movement.**

1939 - 1940

MARIA M. ALBERTSON	CHARLES W. PALMER
	DOROTHY M. STEERE

**Committee of Ministers and Elders to Co-operate  
with Race Street Friends.**

1939 - 1942

MARY BARTON	ARTHUR R. PENNELL
J. HENRY BARTLETT	BENJAMIN J. ROBERTS
ANNA COX BRINTON	DOUGLAS V. STEERE
RACHEL R. CADBURY	FRANCIS R. TAYLOR
ARTHUR E. JAMES	JANET PAYNE WHITNEY
ELIZABETH B. JONES	ELIZABETH B. YARNALL



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